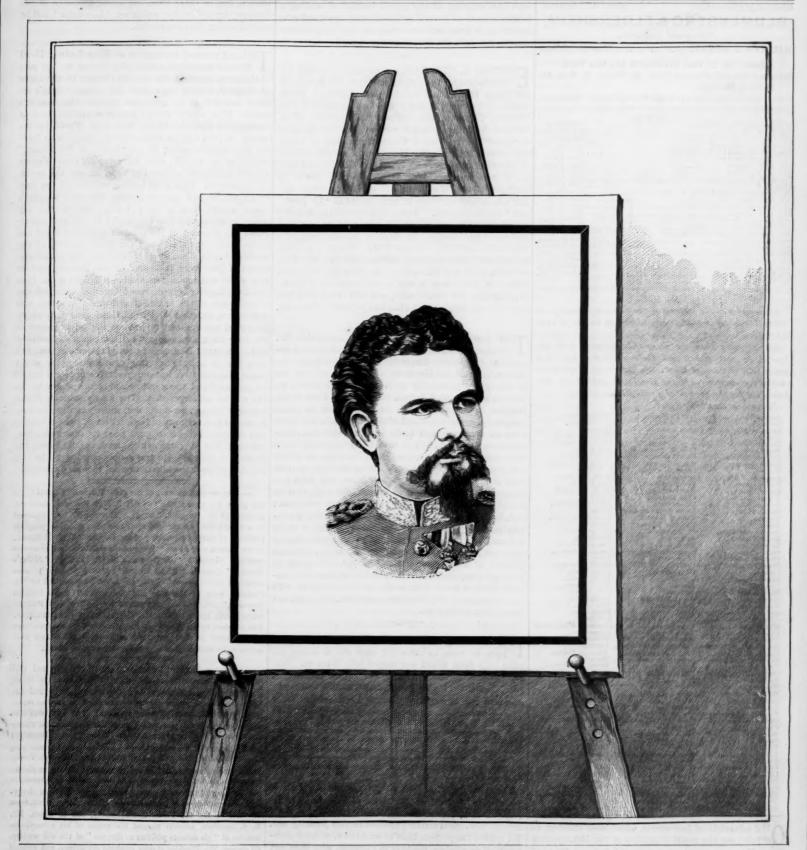


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Hummel Monument. Ioachim. Samuel S. Sanford. Franz Liazt. Christine Dossert. OUR editorials of last winter, which were the first to point out the moral obligation of the Metropolitan Opera-House management to pay the heirs of Richard Wagner the royalties due them from the production of the master's works seem to have fallen on fertile ground, for from latest reports we learn that Edmund C. Stanton intends to hand over to Mme. Cosima Wagner a check representing the amount of 9 per cent, of the gross receipts taken in at the Metropolitan Opera House on nights of Wagner operas. This proceeding, to which the management was, of course, not legally bound, does honor to the straightforward business principles of the stockholders.

WOMEN are proverbially illogical and incomprehensible, and musical ones more so than others. Look at this case of Mlle. Aimée's. A diamond ring of much value and sealskin garments of costliness are stolen from her. First she causes the arrest of both the man to whom she confided the former, and the landlady who held the pawn-tickets for the latter. Then she gets the release of both these people at a tremendous amount of running, talking, weeping, intriguing and, possibly, omission of the truth. Wouldn't it have been much simpler to have been satisfied in the first place with the recovery of the goods, instead of making a laughing-stock of herself by causing the arrest and sub sequently, at great inconvenience, the discharge of the persons who had, she said, tried to rob her?

E DMUND C. STANTON has completed his new engagements for the complete tan Opera House, and besides those members whose names were recently cabled to and first published in THE MUSICAL COURIER, the company will include Mme. Stahmer-Andrissen, prima donna, who recently appeared as "guest" of the Vienna Court Opera, and of whom the eminent musical critic, Herr Speidel, speaks in terms of unmitigated praise, and Herr Leo Gritzinger, a lyric tenor, who was heard at Kroll's Theatre, Berlin, in conjunction with Mme. Sembrich only a few weeks ago, and who scored successes in such operas as "La Juive" and "Les Huguenots." The company seems to be a very complete and in many respects even a better one than the one of last season. Mr. Stanton has also engaged a new ballet, and this-in spite of Mrs. Thurber's aversion to the same-very important department will, therefore, in future be as well endowed at the Metropolitan Opera House as last season it was at the Academy of Music Mr. Stanton will return soon, and will bring with him some new scenery which he has had painted in Germany

THE startling announcement is now made that Mr. Rubinstein's American nounced by a cable despatch, is to be conducted by Messrs, Conried and Hermann. It is now referred to. however, as a probability only. As such, however, we do not, as we stated before, consider it. First of all, because Rubinstein, though he has written an ocean symphony, is not at all fond of the briny deep, and every time he crosses suffers badly from sea-sickness. Secondly, we doubt whether he would have anything to do with, much less listen to, Conried or Hermann, as he has a European agent who is both willing and able to treat with American headquarters and does not need gobetweens. Third, Rubinstein has said definitely that he would not again travel over the American continent; and, lastly, he would prefer conducting instead of pianoplaying. All these circumstances taken together make it seem likely that the two cable despatches were nothing more nor less than attempts on the part of Mr. Heinrich Conried at advertising himself cheaply, and trying to assume an importance which in reality he does not possess. Such a proceeding is also in entire keeping with the character of the little man, and does, therefore, not astonish us in the least.

TT is not very agreeable to have to contradict a lady, or I even to have to show her that she is wrong, yet cases will arise where one cannot help doing so. eral months ago Mrs. A. L., in one of our contemporaries, committed the following unmistakable bull in the course of one of her alleged musical criticisms:

The next number, Beethoven's fine concerto in E flat, introduced a Danish pianist, Mr. August Hyllested, and attention was on the qui vive about him. It is such a fine composition, this concerto, and written in such a beautiful key. E flat allows so many harmonious changes and always comes up smiling and tender again; there is no harshness in E flat—it is like the smooth meadow interspersed with daisies, buttercups and daffodils. Whoever chooses E flat for a key has already won half of the battle for a

The absurdity of the above phrases and the lack of knowledge of the first principles of harmony as displayed in them is too self-evident to everybody of even uperficial musical training to need further pointing out. We quoted the phrases then as we do now, without comment. Nevertheless, the lady in question, who does not seem possessed of a single friend willing or able to show her how ridiculous she has made herself in the eyes of in spite of conservative jealousy in Brooklyn.

every musician who reads that "the key of E flat allows so many harmonious changes," and that "everybody who chooses E flat for a key has already won half of the battle for a pleasing piece of music," insists that the musical editor of this journal denies that there is such a thing as color in keys. She has repeated this subterfuge for hiding a bull of the most silly nature on various occasions, and in the last issue of her son's paper she begins an article with the following sentences:

Some months ago I was quizzed by a musical editor in New York for saying that "keys" had color and gave the impression of cheerfulness, sombreness, happiness, sadness or any other human or emotional "color," Naturally, the editor in question did not find my expression in his vocabulary, and so "went for me at once," though one of his own compositions is of of my assertion.

Now we kindly pray Mrs. A. L. to desist from further making herself ridiculous in the eyes of everybody who has read the two clippings. The musical editor of this journal wrote and published his ideas on key characteristics, as demonstrated in Wagner's works, long before he had the pleasure of knowing of Mrs. A. L.'s existence, but to judge from the above specimen of her ideas on the subject her article on "Key-color" will be more amusing than instructive.

HE sad event of the suicide of King Ludwig II. of Bavaria has caused no end of comment on the part of the press, some of the writers, inimical to the cause of Wagner, having even used the deceased king's alleged insanity as an argument against the master's music. How utterly absurd statements of the kind of those which appeared in the New York World, for instance, are, can only be appreciated by people who have the right understanding of the "music of the future." which has so rapidly, even more rapidly than Wagner himself anticipated or dared to hope, become the music of the present. That King Ludwig was one of the first to appreciate and become enthusiastic over Wagner's music speaks more in favor of his rationality than any other argument that could be used. He felt and understood the beauties of the greatest music the world has so far known, at a time when the great majority of the world and even of the world of musicians was yet unconscious of their very existence, or was fighting against that which was new and musical in Wagner's style. Had not King Ludwig been endowed with this keen and unbiased sense of the beautiful and grand in music, and had he not, with that same regal, lavish generosity which afterward was destined to become the prime source of his financial embarrassment, assisted, upheld, cherished and encouraged Wagner, nay, saved the master from the very fate of poor Schubert, viz., starvation, the world would probably have lost the greatest composer it has so far produced and the world would be the poorer for it. Do not let us forget this. The king's untimely death, however, history, we doubt not, will some day attribute to what a vast majority of the intellectual part of Europe and America believe to have been its cause, viz., conspiracy. The king was neither mad, nor did he die the death of a suicide. He was simply murdered. In this country we have the liberty to print such a conviction.

The second concert of the New Rochelle Choral Club was given last week at the Town Hall, New Rochelle, under the direction of Mr. Augustin Costada. This society has improved in a remarkable manner under his able training. consisted of compositions by Rubinstein, Gounod, H. Hofmann, Smart, Cowen and others. Some of the members deserve special mention. Gounod's "By Babylon's Wave," Faning's "Miller's Wooing," Cowen's "Bridal Chorus" ("Rose Maiden"), were especially well rendered. "Robin Adair," harmonized by Mr. Costada, sung by the club and Sobrino's "Chapis Spanish Serenade," arranged for and played by the New York Philharonic Club, spoke well of Mr. Costada's ability as a musician The numbers by the New York Philharmonic Club were rendered in their usual finished style, and as a whole the society have reason to be well satisfied with the results of their efforts.

-Ierome Hopkins's comic opera of "Taffy and Old Munch the Cannibal" occupied the Brooklyn Academy of Music (Lee-ave.) during the entire week beginning June 7, and delighted audiences which constantly increased till the last representations, which were all with orchestra. The work was also sung at the sixth and concluding concert of the Brooklyn Young Philharmonic Society at the Everett Theatre (Central Brooklyn) last Friday, making thirteen hearings in Brooklyn alone the past During the past season, its first, the Brooklyn Y Philharmonic Society has had 678 pupils in its three free classes in musical declamatory singing, and has steadily progressed in popular favor in spite of the most absurd opposition from clergynen, from principals of public schools, and, strangest of all, fr directors of the old Philharmonic Society, one of whom, Mr. E, A. Seccomb, actually begged the return of his subscription because of "his delicate position as director" of the old society. Of course, Mr. Hopkins at once remitted the money, and himself made up the deficit. But the Young Philharmonics are a success

WACNER'S MUSIC DRAMAS.*

By GUSTAV KOBBÉ.

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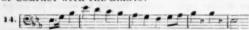
I GIVE it here already in full for convenient reference. With Freia's exclamations that the Giants are pursuing her the first suggestion of the Giant Motive appears (page 64, line 3), and as these "great, hulking fellows" enter the heavy, clumsy GIANT MOTIVE is heard in its entirety (page 66, line 1):



Fasolt and Fafner have come to demand that Wotan deliver up to them Freia, according to his promise when they agreed to build Walhalla for him. In the ensuing scene, in which Wotan parleys with the giants, the Giant Motive, the Walhalla Motive, the Motive of the Compact and the first bar of the Freia Motive figure until Fasolt's threatening words (page 72, line 1):

"Peace wane when you break your compact,"

when there is heard a version of the Motive of Compact characteristic enough to be distinguished as the MOTIVE OF COMPACT WITH THE GIANTS:



The Walhalla, Giant and Freia motives again are heard until Fafner speaks of the golden apples which grow in Freia's garden (page 74, line 1). These golden apples are the fruit of which the gods partake in order to enjoy eternal youth. The Motive of Eternal Youth, which now appears, is one of the loveliest in the Cycle. It seems as though age could not wither it, nor custom stale its infinite variety. Its first bar is reminiscent of the Ring Motive (No. 6), for there is subtle relationship between the Golden Apples of Freia and the Rhinegold. This is the MOTIVE OF ETERNAL YOUTH:



It is finely combined with the Giant Motive at Faf-

"Let her forthwith be torn from them all."

Froh and Donner, Freia's brothers, enter hastily to save their sister. As Froh clasps her in his arms, while Donner confronts the Giants, the Motive of Eternal Youth rings out triumphantly on the horns and woodwind (page 75, line 4).

But Freia's hope is short-lived. The Motive of the Compact with the Giants, with its weighty import, resounds as Wotan stretches his spear between the hostile groups. For though Wotan desires to keep Freia in Walhalla, he dare not offend the Giants. But at this critical moment he sees his cunning adviser, Loge, approaching, These are Loge's characteristic motives:





They are heard throughout the ensuing scene, in which Wotan upbraids Loge for not having discovered something which the Giants would be willing to accept as a substitute for Freia. Loge says he has traveled the world over without finding aught that would compensate man for the renunciation of a lovely woman. At this point is heard the Motive of Renunciation. Then follows Loge's narrative of his wanderings. With great cunning he intends to tell Wolan of the theft of the Rhinegold and of the wondrous worth of a ring shaped from the gold in order to incite the listening Giants to ask for it as a compensation for giving up Freia. Hence Wagner, as Loge begins his narrative, has blended, with

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a marvelous sense of musical beauty and dramatic fitness, two phrases: the Freia Motive and the accompaniment to the Rhine daughters' shout of triumph in the first scene. Whoever will turn to page 85, line 4, last two bars of the vocal-piano score, will find the Freia Motive in the treble and the somewhat simplified accompaniment to the cry "Rhinegold" in the bass. This music continues until Loge says that he discovered but one (namely, Alberich) who was willing to renounce love. Then the Rhinegold Motive is sounded tristly in a minor key and immediately afterward is heard the Motive of Renunciation.

Loge next tells how Alberich stole the gold. All through this portion of the narrative are heard, in the acco paniment, reminiscences of the motives of the first scene. It should be noticed that when (page 80, line 1) Loge gives Wotan the message of the Rhinedaughters, that the chief of the gods wrest the gold from Alberich and restore it to them, the Rhinegold Motive rings out brilliantly in a major key (C major). Loge has already excited the curiosity of the Giants, and when Fafner asks him what power Alberich will gain through the possession of the gold, he dwells upon the magical attributes of the ring shaped from Rhinegold. As Wotan ponders over Loge's words the Ring Motive is heard, for Wotan is planning how he may possess himself of the ring. With true knowledge of human, and especially of feminine nature, Wagner makes Fricka ask if articles of jewelry could be made of the gold. As Loge tells her that the possession of the ring will insure Wotan's fidelity to her and that Alberich's Nibelungs are at that moment molding a ring of the Rhinegold, he sings the Fricka Motive (Fricka being the guardian of marriagefidelity), while, when he refers to the Nibelungs (page 2, line 3, last two bars) there is heard for the first time the Nibelung Motive. (The Nibelung Motive will be found (No. 18) at the point when it assumes its due prominence in the score, viz., in the Nibelheim scene.) Wotan s evidently strongly bent on wresting the gold from Alberich and retaining it in his own possession instead of restoring it to the Rhinedaughters, for, as he stands wrapt in meditation (page 93, line 1), the Rhinegold Motive is heard in a minor key, and as he asks Loge how he may mold the gold into a ring we have the Ring Motive. Loge tells Wotan that Alberich has abjured already molded the ring. Here the Motive of Renunciation is sounded with a harsh power (page 94, line 3), expressive of Alberich's tyranny, which we are soon to

Loge's diplomacy is beginning to bear results. Fafner tells Fasolt that he deems the possession of the gold more important than Freia. Notice here (page 97, line 2, last bar et seq.) how the Freia motive, so prominent when the Giants insisted on her as their compensation, is relegated to the base and how (line 4, last two bars) the Rhinegold Motive breaks in upon the Motive of Eternal Youth as Fafner and Fasolt again advance toward Wotan, for they now request Wotan to wrest the gold from Alberich and give it to them as ransom for Freia. Wotan refuses and the Giants, having proclaimed that they will give Wotan until evening to determine upon his course, seize Freia and drag her away. Here the music is highly descriptive. Pallor settles upon the faces of the gods; they seem to have grown older. Alas, they are already affected by the absence of Freia, the Goddess of Youth, whose motives are but palely reflected by the orchestra, as Loge, with cunning alarm, explains the cause of the gods' distress; until Wolan proclaims that he will go with Loge to Nibelheim.

Loge disappears down a crevice in the side of the rock. From it a sulphurous vapor at once issues. When Wotan has followed Loge into the cleft the vapor fills the stage and conceals the remaining characters. The vapors thicken to a black cloud, continually rising upward, until rocky chasms are seen. These have an upward motion, so that the stage appears to be sinking deeper and deeper. During this transformation scene there is an orchestral interlude. First is heard the Loge Motive, four times interrupted by the Motive of Renunciation. Beginning at page 111, line 5, bar 4, the Motive of Servitude is heard during four bars. Then, with a molto vivace the orchestra dashes into the Motive of Flight. Twice the Ring and Rhinegold motives are heard, the latter appearing the second time with the typical NIBELUNG MOTIVE (page 112, line 5), expressive of the enslaved Nibelungs constantly working at the forge.

This motive accompanies for sixteen bars, during eight of which the rhythm is emphasized by the anvils on the stage, a broad expansion of the Flight Motive. Meanwhile from various distant quarters ruddy gleams of light illumine the chasms, and when the Flight Motive has died away, only the increasing clangor of

smithies is heard from all directions. Gradually the sound of the anvils grows fainter; and, as the Ring Motive resounds like a shout of malicious triumph (expressive of Alberick's malignant joy at his possession of power), there is seen a subterranean cavern, apparently of illimitable depth, from which narrow shafts lead in all directions.

SCENE III.

At the beginning of the third scene we hear again the measures heard when Alberich chased the Rhinedaughters. Alberich enters from a side cleft dragging after him the shrieking Mime. The latter lets fall a helmet which Alberich at once seizes. It is the tarnhelmet, made of Rhinegold, the wearing of which enables the wearer to become invisible or assume any shape. As Alberich closely examines the Tarnhelmet its motive is heard (page 17, line 4, beginning at the sixth bar). This is the MOTIVE OF THE TARNHELMET:



To test its power Alberich puts it on and changes into a column of vapor. He asks Mime if he is visible, and when Mime answers in the negative Alberich cries out shrilly, "Then feel me instead," at the same time making poor Mime writhe under the blows of a visible scourge.

Alberick then departs-still in the form of a vaporous column-to announce to the Nibelungs that they are henceforth his slavish subjects. Mime cowers down with fear and pain. Wotan and Loge enter from one of the upper shafts. Mime tells them how Alberich has become all-powerful through the ring and the tarnhel-met made of the Rhinegold. The Motives occurring in Mime's narrative are the Nibelung, Servitude and Ring Motives, the latter in the terse, malignantly powerful form in which it occurred just before the opening of the third scene. Then Alberich, who has taken off the Tarnhelmet and hung it from his girdle, is seen in the distance, driving a crowd of Nibelungs before him from the caves below. They are laden with gold and silver, which he forces them to pile up in one place and so form a hoard. He suddenly perceives Wotan and Loge. After abusing Mime for permitting strangers to enter Nibelheim, he commands the Nibelungs to descend again into the caverns in search of new treasure for him. They hesitate. You hear the Ring Motive. Alberich draws the ring from his finger, stretches it threateningly toward the Nibelungs and commands them to obey the

The Nibelungs disperse in headlong flight and with Mime rush back into the cavernous recesses. Alberich looks with mistrust upon Wotan and Loge. He asks them what they seek in Nibelheim. Wotan tells him they have heard reports of his extraordinary power and have come to ascertain if they are true. After some parleying the Nibelung points to the hoard, saying: "It is the merest heap compared to the mountain of treasure to which it shall rise." Here appears part of the RISING HOARD MOTIVE (page 137, line 4), which in its complete form is as follows;

Alberich boasts that the whole world will come under his sway (you hear the Ring Motive), that the gods who now laugh and love in the enjoyment of youth and beauty will become subject to him (you hear the Freia Motive); for he has abjured love (you hear the Motive of Renunciation). Hence, even the gods in Walhalla shall dread him (you hear a variation of the Walhalla Motive), and he bids them beware of the time when the night-begotten host of the Nibelungs shall rise from Nibelheim into the realm of daylight (you hear the Rhinegold Motive followed by the Walhalla Motive, for it is through the power gained by the Rhinegold that Alberich hopes to possess himself of Walhalla). Loge cunningly flatters Alberich, and when the latter tells him of the Tarnhelmet feigns disbelief of Alberich's statements. Alberich, to prove their truth, puts on the helmet and transforms himself into a huge serpent. The Serpent Motive expresses the windings and writhings of the monster.

....According to the Paris Figaro, M. Gounod's "Maitre Pierre," which will be produced at the Opera House in 1839, and which is based on the story of Abelard and Heloise, is not an opera nor a lyrical drama, but a "legendary cycle" in four parts, reproducing the principal episodes in the life of the celebrated doctor. By a "legendary cycle" the Figaro explains that it means a series of tableaux succeeding one another without any attempt being made to maintain a coherent action.

PERSONALS.

WOLFSOHN.—Carl Wolfsohn, the well-known Chicago pianist and teacher, was in New York last week, and left for Europe on Saturday on his annual vacation trip across the ocean.

A PROMISING COMPOSER.—A new string quartet in B flat was recently played for the first time at the Musical Artists' Society meeting in London, and met with a genuine success. It is the work of Miss Rosalind F. Ellicott, the daughter of the Bishop of Gloucester, and she is said to be a most promising composer.

MOSZKOWSKI.—Moritz Moszkowski, the gifted Berlin composer, has written a new orchestral suite expressly for the London Philharmonic Society, and the work was played there for the first time at the last concert of the present (its seventy-fourth) season on Wednesday night, the 9th inst., when it was well received.

BRANDT.—Frl. Marianne Brandt will sail from Germany on the 3d of July to fulfill her engagement as soloist at the coming Milwaukee festival and afterward to join the forces of the Metropolitan Opera-House Company.

D'ALBERT.—Charles Louis Napoleon d'Albert, the well-known dance-music composer and father of Mr. Eugène d'Albert, died a fortnight ago at London, after three years' illness. Mr. d'Albert was a son of François Benoit d'Albert, a captain of artillery in the army of Bonaparte, and Chretienne Sophie Henriette, née Schultz, of the village Neustetter, Altona, near Hamburg, where the late Mr. d'Albert was born in 1810. The deceased emigrated to England many years ago, and he was a naturalized British subject. He was long a celebrated teacher of dancing, and he wrote a large number of waltzes, quadrilles and other dance pieces, many of them founded on favorite melodies from the operas.

TURNER v. AMERICAN OPERA COMPANY. — Annis Montague Turner, the prima dona who was employed by Manager Locke, of the American Opera Company, at a salary of \$300 a week, sued the company in the Supreme Court to recover \$7,000 damages because the contract had been broken. The case has been settled by the payment of the amount claimed and the action was discontinued last week.

NEVADA-PALMER.—Mme. Nevada-Palmer seems to have disappeared from the lyric firmament. She is living quietly with her husband in Paris, where she sang at a recent soirée before Liest and Rubinstein.

ALVARY.—Herr Alvary, the Weimarian court singer, who has had a successful season at New York, has deemed it best to return thence for the purpose of pleading his cause before the Grand Duke, who, in view of the uprightness of the artist, has finally consented to cancel his engagement with the Weimar Opera at a reduced fine. The singer has, through Mr. Stanton, accepted an extended engagement at the New York German Opera.

GOUNOD .- Gounod's genius is of a more versatile character than is at all common among musicians. He possesses literary gift of a very high order, and if the philosophical treatise on which he has been engaged for years ever sees the light it will be found that his reputation as a master of metaphysical and theological learning rests on a substantial basis. From the chapter "Souvenirs," which M. de Chennevières contributes to the current number of the Artiste, we learn that the author of "Faust evinced such remarkable aptitude for the sister art in his studen days at the French school in Rome that Ingres, the then head o the establishment, advised and encouraged him to cultivate his powers as a painter, and when M. de Chennevières visited Rome in 1841 he found Gounod's time divided between landscape paint ing and musical composition. It would not be easy to find in the history of art another example of the combination of these two gifts in such nearly equal proportions. Ingres himself is known to have attained considerable skill on the violin, but he was a mere executant, and never attempted composition.

JACOB WREY MOULD.—Jacob Wrey Mould, the well-known architect and designer of some of the most notable architectural features of Central Park, died suddenly of heart disease Monday night of last week at his residence, No. 123 East Twenty-sixth-st. He was a native of Chiselhurst, Kent, England, and sixty-one years old. Besides being an excellent architect and draftsman, the deceased was a prominent musical amateur and writer. He had an extensive musical library, and could be seen at all prominent concerts and operatic performances, usually with score in hand. He was an enthusiastic lover of music and a fair-minded musical critic.

FRANZ REMMERTZ.—Franz Remmertz, the well-known basso, is soon to leave the United States and will take up his abode for the future in Germany. Last Saturday night the Arion male chorus, of which society Remmertz has long been a prominent member, gave him a grand farewell supper. The honor was a well-deserved one, for Remmertz had always gratuitously given to the Arion his valuable services as soloist at many of their concerts.

VON BÜLOW.—Hans von Bülow is organizing a series of six concerts to be given in Hamburg during November, January and February next with the assistance of the greatest soloists to be found in Europe. At the recent Raff memorial in Frankfort Bülow again launched one of his sarcastic bon mots. It appears that two of the pupils of the Raff conservatory, Prince Alexander George, of Hesse, and Princess Marie Elizabeth, of Meinin-

gen, rendered Brahms's sonata, op. 78, for piano and violin, in a creditable manner. In complimenting these distinguished performers on their rendering, Bülow said that the excellence thereof was all the more creditable to the princely artists as nowadays music at the courts usually was not much better than music in the court-yards.

MME. HAUK'S LAWSUIT.—Mme. Minnie Hauk left for Enrope on Saturday last by the steamer Waesland. On Monday morning, before Judge Hall, in the City Court of New York, the case of Titus d'Ernesti v. Minnie Hauk and Ernst von Hessewartegg, her husband, was called, and in the absence of the defendants judgment was given for the plaintiff in the sum of \$128 and costs, which latter will now amount to about \$250. The case arose through Ernesti's refusing to play his piano solo in the orchestra while all other soloists appeared on the concert stage, which action on the part of the plaintiff has been pronunced perfectly proper by the experts, among whom were Messrs. Van der Stucken, Mills, Sternberg and de Kontski. The defendants probably will appeal the case.

ARTHUR MEES.—Arthur Mees, the excellent chorus-master of the Cincinnati festival chorus, has handed in his resignation and the same has been accepted in a letter of thanks for his past services and their great value to the Festival Association, written by the secretary, Mr. Lucien Wulsin.

HOME NEWS.

—Mme. Pauline L'Allemand and child will sail for Europe on the Werra next Wednesday for a summer vacation.

—The seventh annual convention of the Ohio Music Teachers' Association takes place at Columbus, Ohio, on July 6th, 7th and 8th.

—The Alfa Norman Opera Company has broken up at Albany, amid an angry clamoring of the members for their long-overdue salaries.

—Walter Damrosch is in Prague, where he is busy studying harmony with a good teacher. This augurs well for the young man's future.

—The Belle Cole Concert Company will return to New York by the end of this week and is to undertake a Western tour under the management of Major Pond.

—Miss Dora Valesca Becker, the promising young violiniste, gave a successful concert at Orange (N. J.) Music Hall on Thursday evening, the 10th inst.

—"Erminie" keeps the large audiences at the Casino in the best of humor, and there is abundance of hearty laughter at Messrs. Wilson and Daboll as the two thieves. It looks as if Jacobowski's opera would have as long a run as "Nanon." The fiftieth performance will be held on Saturday night.

—Mme. Minnie Hauk has signed an agreement for a concert tour in this country next autumn. She will be supported by a company embracing several well-known names. The features of these concerts will be the presentation in full costume of the pretty third act of Massenet's "Manon Lescaut" and an act from Victor Masse's opera "Cleopatra," which was produced at the Paris Opera Comique last year.

——Ben Woolf has added still another to the versions of Audran's "Serment d'Amour." He calls it "Love's Vow," and it will be produced at the Boston Museum July 5. St. Louis is to hear still another adaptation of it. In the cast will be Misses Von Januschowsky, Etta May Hunt, Louise Lablache and Annie Leslie, and Messrs. Stuart Harold, John Howson, W. H. Fitzgerald and C. E. Boardman.

—The weekly popular concerts in Music Hall, Boston, are an emphatic success. The hall is said to be crowded every Saturday evening, when beer and refreshments are sold, and the programs are called well-balanced, including always several serious works, besides the lighter dance music. The orchestra is declared to be thoroughly competent and well-conducted, and to include many of the best performers in the regular symphony orchestra.

—The most popular piece with the singing clubs of the country the past season was Dudley Buck's "King Olaf's Christmas." "The Spectre's Bride" was given six times by as many choral societies, "Mors et Vita" three. Mendelssohn's "Œdipus" and "Antigone" music was popular in Boston and Cincinnati. The programs of Mr. Loring's club in San Francisco are as interesting as any in the male voice department. At the two leading festivals in the country the novelty at Worcester, Mass., was Macfarren's cantata "May Day;" at Cincinnati, Bach's Mass in B minor.

—The centenary of the Stoughton Musical Society was celebrated last Wednesday with becoming ceremonies. At ten o'clock in the morning the town-hall was filled with people from far and near, and the observances of the anniversary began with a performance of the overture to "The Magic Flute" by an orchestra directed by Mr. E. A. Jones, of Stoughton. A hymn by Mr. B. Packard, of Boston, written for the occasion, was then sung to "Old Hundred." In the evening the celebration was brought to a close by a performance of "The Creation." Governor Robinson was among the guests, and briefly addressed the audience. The execution of the choral portions was greeted with storms of applause, and the conductor, Mr. Hiram Wilde, was overwhelmed with congratulations. The soloists, Miss Elene Buffinton Kehew, soprano; Mr. George J. Parker, tenor; Mr. Clarence E. Hay, bass—sustained their parts with credit and won deserved recog-

nition from the audience. The chorus numbered three hundred voices and the orchestra forty-five players.

—Passers-by on Broadway, near the entrance to the Fifth Avenue Theatre, last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, had their attention attracted by a body of neatly-dressed and happy-faced children, numbering 200. The children had, through their instructors, accepted the invitation of Mr. George C. Brotherton, the proprietor of "The Little Tycoon," to witness the matinee performance of that successful and tuneful opera. Mr. Brotherton was present to personally welcome his little guests, and the pleasure of the adult portion of the audience was heightened by the many evidences of happiness which the children gave during the performance. At its conclusion the children were formed in front of the theatre, and they gave hearty cheers for their generous entertainment.

—The Boston and Albany, Boston and Lowell, Boston and Maine, New York and New England, Old Colony, and Boston R. B. and L. railroads will carry in parties of ten or more persons, attending the annual meeting of the Music Teachers' National Association, at Boston, June 30, July I and 2, 1886, from any station forty miles or more away from Boston, at the rate of two cents per mile for each passenger holding a membership ticket. If parties desire to take advantage of these rates, it will be necessary to form parties at once, in order to notify the general passenger agent of the road over which the parties will travel, sufficiently in advance to enable him to make necessary preparation in the way of special tickets.

—Miss Agnes Consuelo, an English songstress of good voice and handsome appearance, took Mme. Cottrelly's part of the Marquise, at Wallack's Theatre, in "The Crowing Hen," last Monday night. Colonel McCaull has secured Mr. Robert Wilke, well remembered for his artistic work in "Falka" and "The Ratcatcher," to take Mr. Perugini's place as the Count when the tenor's vacation begins next Monday. By the engagement of Mr. Wilke, Colonel McCaull will be enabled to retain Mr. Morsell in the character of Grivolin, with which he has made a hit, instead of transferring him to Perugini's place. The adaptation of Audran's "Serment d'Amour" is drawing so well that it may run through the remainder of the summer.

—The magnificent organ built by Jardine & Sons for the music-room of Mr. J. R. Myers, of Yonkers, a few years ago, is to be removed to St. John's Church, Yonkers, N. Y. The organ is one of the largest class organs, containing three manuals, five pedal stops, one of which is a 32-foot Bourdon. It contains all the newest and latest improvements, among which are the saxophone, horn, carrillons and a vox humana, from a copy made by Mr. Jardine of the celebrated one in Finburg. It is blown by a compound steam-engine. The organ is well known by musicians, as Mr. Myers gave many musicales at his house, where it was pronounced unequaled for tone, variety and sweetness.

—We have before us a New York concert-house program with much of the space given to advertising, and the remainder to the announcements of the hall and to jokes, irrelevant, stupid and vulgar. We wonder if managers of such enterprises dare believe that such a medium can be made pertinent to the happenings at their establishments, and interesting, without recourse to billingsgate and the dismayed relics of ancient humor.

—Manager Amberg, of the Thalia, who is now abroad, has engaged for his next season the German comic opera singer Fraulein Ziehmeier. She has appeared with much success at the Walhalla Theatre in Berlin in "Nanon" and "Gillette von Narbonne" among other rôles, and will be seen here from October to March. Among other works she will be seen in "The Cossacks," an operetta composed for her.

.... A gentleman of provincial appearance came to Mr. Ambrose Austin's ticket office at St. James's Hall shortly before a Rubinstein recital commenced last week and demanded a ticket. "Nothing less than a guinea a seat," replied the smart assistant. "Dang me!" shouted our provincial friend; "a guinea a seat for the Christy Minstrels! My price is a shillin'." There is small wonder that these mistakes occur, considering that, to the surprise of many foreigners, there is occasionally going on under the ample roof of St. James's Hall simultaneously a classical concert, a billiard match, a dinner, a ball and an entertainment by negro melodists.—London Figaro.

. A student in Berlin, who had long suffered from the pianoforte practice of a young woman next door, has been relieved by a friend, an electrician, who has invented a piano killer. One day the young woman sat down to practise, when suddenly the instrument was thrown out of tune through its entire scale. The poor girl wept aloud, and the electrician's sympathies were so at he was about to restore the pianoforte to its proper form, but was prevented by the enraged student, who swore that the tortures he had endured were not to be so easily condoned. The story spread over Berlin, and musicians and pianoforte doctors came in throngs to examine the instrument, but all efforts to make matters straight or to account for the difficulty were in vain. The explanation is as follows: A large electro-magnet was set up in the room of the tortured man with its poles close to the wall against which stood the pianoforte on the other side. An elecric battery was connected with the magnet, and the stream being turned on its influence was felt through the wall by the steel springs in the piano, and proved powerful enough to put the inent out of tune. Whenever the electric stream was stopped, which occurred as often as the tortured neighbor went out, the mystic influence stopped.

M. T. N. A.

THE tenth annual meeting of the Music Teachers National Association will take place in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. will, musically, be the most important one ever held by the association. The public will be admitted to all concerts and recitals given by the association for a small fee, and, we believe, so far as can be permitted, to the discussions also. The chorus has been gathered from the best local sources and is already rehearsing, while the engagement of an orchestra of sixty has been made possible by the subscriptions of the generous handed.

The following is the complete program of the proceedings and

we doubt not that it will be found very interesting :
Wednesday, June 30.
9 A. M.—Organ Solo, Phantasie and Fugue, G minorBach Mr. Harry Rowe Shelley, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11 A. M.—Concert, Mr. Edmund Neupert, pianist, New York.
Mr. Clarence E. Hay, basso, Boston-
And the Listemann String Quartet, of Boston.
Mr. Bernhard Listemann, first violin.
Mr. Fritz Listemann, second violin.
Mr. Daniel Kuntz, viola.
Mr. Wulf Fries, violoncello.
PROGRAM.
Quintet in F minorBrahms
Mr. Edmund Neupert and Listemann String Quartet.
Songs 6 "When icicles hang on the wall." Foote 6 "Rest on me, dark eye of beauty." Floersheim C "A maiden fair." Lynes
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c. "A maiden fair."Lynes
Mr. Clarence E. Hay.
Mr. Clarence E. Hay. a. Ballade. b. Poetical studies. c. Novelette. d. Oriental danse. Mr. Edmund Neupert.
Piano Solos. 6. Poetical studies
d. Oriental danse.
Song, "Belshazzar."Schumann
Mr. Clarence E. Hay.
Piano Solo, Fantasie, "Don Juan"Liszt
Mr. Edmund Neupert.
CHURCH MUSIC CONCERT PROGRAM.
2 P. MI. Gregorian chant.
2. Italian (ancient) Sanctus in F
3. German, "Nundanket alle Gott."
4. Classical, Kyrie from Mozart's twelfth mass.
5. Anglican (modern), Quartet (or double quartet),
"In God is My Hope and My Salvation," from "I
will give thanks"
6. French, Tantum Ergo in FLambillotte
7. Italian (modern), Gloria, from mass in F Generalis
8. Puritanic, Bristol.
9. Moody and Sankey, "Hold the Fort."
8 P. MConcert, Mr. Clarence Eddy, Chicago, organist.
Mr. E. M. Bowman, St. Louis, organist.
Mr. Charles R. Adams, Boston, tenor.
Mr. Gonzalo Nunez, New York, pianist.
Mr. Arthur Foote, Boston, pianist.
Mr. M. Loeffler, Boston, violinist.
Mr. Fritz Giese, Boston, violoncellist.
Master Theodore Bernays Spiering, St. Louis, violinist.

Allegro	Poco vivace. Adagio. Mr. E. M. Bo	77Dudley Buck Adagio molto esspressivo. Allegro vivace.
6-1	Thou Art Libe a Flower !!	C W CL 1 11
Songs.	Go, Lovely Rose " Over the Mountains," Du Nübsches Kind von Hei	G. W. Chadwick Arthur Foote
Violin solo	Adagio and Finale from	concerto, op. 26 Bach
violin aoio,	Master Theodore Be	ernays Spiering.
Trio in C m	inor, op. 5, for pianoforte	, violin and 'cello. Arthur Foote

Master Theodore Bernays Spiering, St. Louis, violinist.

German songs. German songs.

Mr. Charles R. Adams.

Organ solo, Sonata in B minor, op. 178...........Mukel
Moderato. Adagio. Introduction. Passacaglia.
Mr. Clarence Eddy.

Thursday-Concert.

2 P. M.—Mr. W. Waugh Lauder, Eureka, Ill. Pianist
Miss Elene Buffington Keehew, Boston Soprano
Mr. George M. Nowell, Boston Pianis.
Mr. Willis Nowell, Boston Violinist PROGRAM.

CONCERT OF AMERICAN WORKS .-- 8 P. M.

(a) The Judgment of Solomon.
(b) March of the Throne.
(c) Chorus and orchestra. Miss Fanny Kellogg, soprano; Miss Gertrude Edmunds, contralto, and Mr. D. M. Babcock,

7. (a) Interlude from drama, "Vlasda" (MSS.).... F. Van der Stücken, New York

Friday, July 2.

2 P. M. --CONCERT.

Mr. Carl Faelten, Boston, pianist; Miss Effie Stewart, New York, soprano; Mr. Bernhard Listemann, violin; Mr. Wulf Fries, violoncello.

Miss Effie Stewart.

Sonata, B minor......Liszt

8 P.M. -- CONCERT OF AMERICAN WORKS.

Edgar S. Kelly, San Francisco. c. Gallic march......d. "The Fall of Macbeth"......

will be peculiarly attractive, from the fact that they are more varied than has hitherto been the case. Besides these programs selections will be given in several instances between the essays. A new concerto by Mr. Milo Benedict will be played on Thursday morning and Miss Rosa Lewinthal, of New York, will play the Liszt transcription of Bach's G minor prelude and fugue after the first essay on Thursday, p. m. The Weber Male Quartet and the Carol Club, of Boston, will sing during the morning session of the local division.

Such arrangements regarding railroad rates have been made as will render probable a very large attendance. The interest manifested is very great, and we feel assured that the tenth annual meeting will be a great success from every point of view.

Besides the works already announced it is expected that a fine work by Mr. W. W. Gilchrist, of Philadelphia, will also be pro Mr. T. G. Lemnon, of Bostom, will open the exercises duced. in Section A, on Thursday, a. m., with a selection on the organ.

Mr. Eddy not to Go to Boston. CHICAGO, June 10, 1886.

Editors of The Musical Courier :

N your issue of the 16th inst. I read with amazement the rumor that I intend to make Boston my future home and "become a member of the teaching staff of the Petersilea Academy of Music."

This is indeed news to me, and I shall be grateful if you will emphatically contradict the statement.

Yours very truly. CLARENCE EDDY.

-A cable despatch received here yesterday announces that the London Daily Telegraph says that the Abbé Liszt is ill at Weimar, and that his physicians fear that his condition is hopeless

-Messrs. Sost (bassoon), Hartdegen (violoncello), and Breitschuck (harp) have ceased to be members of the Thomas Orchestra. In Hartdegen's place, who, by-the-by, is a sick man, Michael Brand, of Cincinnati, will be Theodore Thomas's first violoncellist, and a better selection could hardly have been made.

The first performance in Germany of the "Mikado took place at the Wallner Theatre, Berlin, on June 1, and proved a complete success. All the principal members were heartily applauded and encored, particularly the ding-dong quartet in the second act, which had to be repeated twice. The critics of the ding papers are unanimous in praising the music and the excellence of the execution. The English company which represented the work is that lately performing in Liverpool. The Crown Prince, with the Princess and their four daughters, were present, as well as the British Ambassador and Lady Malet.

-The recent Cincinnati May Festival which passed in apparent harmony seems nevertheless to have developed some discordant postludes. Such, at least, we must conclude to be the case when reading of Mr. Arthur Mees's resignation as chorus master, and when it is further learned that the secretary (Mr. Lucian Wulson's) resignation is in the hands of the directors, as is also that of Mr. A. Howard Hinkle. Mr. Edward Goepper retires from the board, his term having expired, and will, it is said, give up his share of stock. Mr. Harley T. Proctor has likey vise concluded his term of service, and it is doubtful if he will be persuaded to resume.

Toronto Music Festival.

ORONTO'S first Grand Musical Festival is now a thing of

ORON TOS BIRST GRAND MUSICAL PESTIVAL IS NOW A IDING OF the past, but it will long be looked back to as the beginning of a new epoch in the musical history of the city.

As already intimated in your columns the credit of the inception of the enterprise is due to Mr. Frederic Herbert Torrington, the most prominent executive musician in Canada, and it is to his untiring zeal and energy that the ccess of the festival is to be attributed.

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The executive work involved in the preliminary details has been very great, but the officers and committee of the Toronto Musical Festival Association have vied with each other in zealous devotion to their duties. The festival owes much of its success in regard to the details of management to Mr. John Earls, the hon, secretary; the amount of work he has accomplished in every department has been immense, and its great merit is that it has been done

The liberal spirit in which the citizens responded to the call for a see fund is a matter of gratification, the amount subscribed amount

over \$25,000.

The receipts from the four concerts will, however, be quite sufficient to ade upon the guarantee fund.

nee has been immense, the large Music Hall being crowded at ment, and on two different occasions the sale of tickets had to

ists selected comprised the most distinguished artists w vices could be secured.

The Grand Festival Chorus, numbering one thousand voices, sang with a brilliancy of tone, certainty of attack and precision of execution that spoke volumes for Mr. Torrington's ability as a conductor. The successful preparation of two such works as "Mors et Vita" and "Israel in Egypt" in the space of a few months is something which could only be accomplished in a musically-cultivated community and under a master hand. The orchestra, on the other hand, did not prove satisfactory, the playing on the first night lacking firmness and purity of intonation. Their work, however, at the following concerts, to a large extent atoned for the deficiency on Tuesday evening.

The program for the first concert on Tuesday, June 17, consisted of Gounod's sacred trilogy, "Mors et Vita," a work which treats of the awe-inspiring subjects of death, resurrection, the judgment and the New Jerusalem. The religious element reigns supreme, and the composer has dealt with his

The religious element reigns supreme, and the composer has dealt with his great themes in a spirit of the utmost reverence and solemnity.

The soloists of the evening were:

Mrs. E. Aline Osgood	>
Mrs. Gertrude LutherSopranc	
Miss Agnes HuntingtonContralto	
Mr. A. L. King	

The concert opened with the singing of the national anthem. The first verse was sung by the soprano and the second by the sito, the conclusion being given by the whole force of the combined chorus, orchestra and organ. The effect was very impressive,

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As soon as the excitement occasioned by this effort had subsided, Mr. Torrington gave the signal to commence the oratorio, and the work was proceeded with and held the attention of the vast audience for over two hours.

The first chorus, "A fearful thing to fall into the hands of God everliving," was given with magnificent tone-power.

Max Heinrich rendered the solo, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," in fine style, his clear, resonant voice filling the large building.

Rather a peculiar incident took place during the singing of the chorus, "Let Light Eternal lighten Him." The electric light, which had been threatening several times, went out, leaving the place in total darkness for a few seconds. The chorus and orchestra, however, being familiar with the score, proceeded without a break in the music.

The singing of the chorus "Day of Anger" was remarkably good.

The chorus and quartet, "While the wicked are confounded," in which Mrs. Osgood took the soprano solo, excited so much applause that Mr. Torrington allowed it to be repeated.

In the second part, the soprano solo and chorus (sopranos and contraltos), "The righteous shall enter into glory eternal," was beautifully rendered.

Mr. King faithfully interpreted the music assigned to him and created a decidedly favorable impression in his solo, "With the faithful deign to place us."

Both Mrs. Osgood and Mrs. Luther did admirable work in the sor

Both Mrs. Osgood and Mrs. Luther did admirable work in the soprano solos, which were divided between them.

Miss Agnes Huntington, who appears to be the favorite of both chorus and audience, sang her solos with feeling and expression and with her accustomed beauty of voice, the notes in her lower register being beautifully clear and distinct, and her singing being heartily applauded on each occasion.

The closing chorus, "Hosanna in the highest places," was given in aplendid style, the volume of tone being magnificent.

SECOND CONCERT.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 16.

The second day of the festival exceeded in its fulfilment the bright prom-

The second day of the festival exceeded in its fulfilment the bright promse given by the successful performance on the preceding evening.

The program of the Wednesday matinee, which has already appeared in
he columns of the COURIER, was well received.

The work of the orchestra on this occasion was particularly good and
howed a great improvement on that of the preceding evening.

The opening overture, "Oberon," was well played, but it was in the
'Taonhäuser" and "Tell" overtures that they were heard to best ad-

c. Tannhäuser" the representation of the magic spells of the "Mouat as" and the giddy dance of the Bacchantes, also the pilgrims' chorus

of Venus" and the giddy dance of the Bacchantes, also the pilgrims' chorus at the end of the overture, were especially well rendered.

Mr. A. L. King sang "Cujus Animam" in splendid voice, and his artistic rendering of this aria was perhaps as fine as has ever been heard in Toronto. This gentleman has become an established favorite here.

Herr Henri Jacobson, a local violinist, played the adagio and finale from Max Bruch's concerto in G minor in a pleasing manner and was heartily applicated.

Fri. Lilli Lehmann achieved a great success in her singing of the seraglio ria, "Martern Aller Arten." Her rich, well-trained voice was heard to dvantage in the large Music Hall and she was heartily applauded. Her second piece, Mozart's "Theme and Variations," received a well-

A pleasing incident occurred in connection while the fitte obligato to this Mr. J. Churchill Arlidge, a local musician, played the flute obligato to this

mr. J. Churchii Aringe, a local musicial, played the inite obligato to tumber in a most artistic manner, and at its conclusion Frl. Lehmann, turn und and, shaking hands with him, complimented him on his work.

This gracious act drew quite an ovation from the audience.

Mrs. Luther sang Rubinstein's "Dream" and Grieg's "Song of Hope"

pleasing manner, which received hearty applause.

This lady has won her way to the affections of a Toronto audience, and her elects are always well received.

Mrs. Luther's rendering of "I'm Alone at Last" ("Reine de Saba") re-

eived a well-merited encore.

Mr. D. M. Babcock made his first appearance at the festival with "I'm a loamer" (Mendelssohn). His magnificent deep bass voice was used to the east advantage, and the easy air of abandon with which, he, sang the piece scured him an encore.

Miss Huntington gave Meyerbeer's "Gia L'irs m'abbendona" (" Il Pro-heta") in fine style and added another to her list of triumphs here. Mudame Joseph Chatterton's harp solo, "La Danse des Fées," was quite a weat, the harp being an instrument which is seldom heard in concert halls at

deric Archer played Bach's "Prelude and Fugu finished manner. It is, perhaps, needless to say more, Mr. Archer's brilliant work at the organ being well known.

Mr. Otto Bendix gave a fine rendering of Liszt's "Rhapsodie Hongroise,"

The Festival Association showed their patriotic spirit by usin anadian make, the manufacturers being Mason & Risch, of Tor

THIRD CONCERT.

Wednesday Evening, June 16.

Handel's "Israel in Egypt" was the subject for the evening concert, and it was in this work that the chorus scored its greatest success. Never in the musical history of Canada has such a complete success been experienced.

The grand double choruses were given forth with a fulness of tone and ar
irrepressible ardor that has never been equaled in this part of the country. The soloists, audience and all concerned were unanimous in the opinion that for grandeur of tone the chorus could not easily be excelled in An

Israel in Egypt " was written in the year 1738, the actual time occupied

in its composition being only seventeen days.

The work was produced on several occasions, but it was nearly a century after it was written before it met with success.

It has always been regarded as one of the most stupe the musician's art.

The first division of the oratorio deals with the sufferings of the Israelites ught upon the Egyptians, and finally the gra

the Exodus.

Mr. A. L. King had a better opportunity of showing his richly-trained ice in this work than in "Mors et Vita." His recitatives in the first part of the work were feelingly and carefully sung, his rich tenor voice being heard to the best advantage.

Miss Huntington's rendering of the aria " Their land brought forth frog was very fine, but it was in the second part, in the noble art, "Thou shalt bring them in," expressing the calm hope of the Israelites, that she scored her greatest triumph. Superb were the notes of her lower register and her full, rich melodious voice thrilled the audience.

At the close she received an ovation

The chorus, "He gave them halistones for rain," was given with great rmness and a tremendous volume of sound.

Mr. Torrington was obliged to permit a repetition of this chorus.

Equally fine was the rendering of the choruses, "He smote all the first-born

The people shall hear. Between the first and second part Mr. D. M. Babcock sang the aria

Between the first and second part Mr. D. M. Dacock sang the aris "Wave on Wave," and was heartily applauded.

Just as Mr. Torrington resumed his position to commence the second part, Mr. H. M. Blight, chairman of the chorus committee, stepped forward and informed him that a number not down on the program would sow be presented, and addressing Mr. Torrington on behalf of the chorus presented him with a handsome marble clock and pair of statuettes, as a mark of their steem and appreciation of his steadfast work in the preparation of the festi-

The presentation was accompanied with an address, as follows:
Токонто, June 16, 1886

TORONTO, June 10, 1880.

P. H. Torrington, E.q.:

DEAR SIX—The members of the Toronto Festival Chorus of 1886 desire to convey to you their high appreciation of your efforts in connection with this festival, which will always be referred to by them with feelings of pride.

The scheme, originating as it did with you, has been brought to perfection by the energetic, patient and able work of yourself and a committee who have left nothing undone which money or work could accomplish, promoting the success and original object of the undertaking.

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The general acknowledgment of a marked improvement in the singing of the various city choirs since the festival rehearsals began is of itself an evidence of the good work you have done.

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The members of the chorus beg your acceptance of the accompanying clock and statuettes as a slight token of their good will, and venture to predict that the success attending the festival of 1886 is only the beginning of greater things to be undertaken by you in the not far distant future.

On behalf of the chorus,
Signed—Harry M. Blight, chairman of committee; Mrs. M. E. James, C. D. Daniel, Miss Clara Cox, A. E. Curren, Mrs. T. S. Armson, J. E. Featherstonhaugh, Mrs. C. Morrison, W. B. Short, Mrs. William Revell, J. T. Jones, Mrs. Meriboh Baxter, E. A. Mumford, Miss Susie Ryan, R. B. Street, James B. Baxter.

s B. Baxter. Mr. Torrington stepped to his place as conductor and took his position As Mr. I orrington stepped to his place as conductor and took his position before the chorus, a thousand handkerchiefs were simultaneously waved, and cheer after cheer rang through the hall, showing how popular Mr. Torrington has become with his chorus.

In the second part of the oratorio the choruses were equally well sung, the rendering of "The horse and his rider," "Thy right hand, O Lord!" and "Thou sentest forth Thy wrath" being especially fine. Irresistible force is the phrase which best conveys a meaning of the majesty of the

Mr. Babcock and Mr. Heinrich were to have sung the duet "The Lord man of war." but the latter was unable to sing through illness, and Mr. Frederick Warrington, a local baritone, was called from the chorus at a Warrington, a local controle, was cancel took the clouds at a loce to take the part. The way in which the duct was rendered Mr. Torrington's confidence in Mr. Warrington's ability had laced, the duct being given in fine style and the voices blending

At the close Mr. Babcock shook hands heartily with Mr. Warrington, and the pair received quite an ovation

This incident will serve to show the material of which the chorus is com-

FOURTH CONCERT.

Thursday, June 17.

The festival was brought to a successful close with a concert of miscel-

The program was as follows:
PART I.
1, Overture, "Ruy Blas"
s. Chorus, "Hark to the Rolling Drum"
3. Recit, and aria, "Der Hoelle Selbst will ich Segen Entringen" ("Faust")
4. Harp solo, "Rhapsodie Fantastique"Frederick Chatterton Mme. Josephine Chatterton.
5. Grand aria, "Abscheulicher wo eilst du hin" ("Fidelio")Beethoven Frl. Lilli Lehmann.
6. Chorus, "So Merrily Over the Ocean Spray"
7, Recit. and aria, "Honor and Arms" ("Samson")
PART II.
1. d. Gavotte
2. Aria, "Let the Bright Seraphim" ("Samson")
National Song, "Canada." Words and music by F. H. Torrington. School Festival Chorus.
4. Piano Solo. d. "Pastorale" Scarlatti b. Valse, op. 34 Mr., Otto Bendia. Mr., Otto Bendia.

1		e frommer Weise '' (" Der Freyschutz ") Weber Frl. Lilli Lehmann.
	6. Chorus, "Swiftly Win	ging"
	7. Overture, "Tannhilus	Festival Orchestra. Wagner
		"God Save the Queen." School Festival Chorus.

The children's chorus numbered 1,300 voices and the large platform was ompletely covered with fresh young faces.

The appearance of the chorus was most charming and their singing was

ne of the most pleasant features of the festival, the crescendos especially being well marked.

hit of the evening was the national song, "Canada," composed by

O. Canada, fair Canada, Name ever dear to me; A home for all who leave the shores Beyond the bright blue sea. Beyond the bright blue sea. Its sunshine and its storm, Its faces fair and hearts sincere, Affections strong and warm.

We love our flag
Beyond all others seen;
God prosper our Dominio
Our country and our queen.

O, Canada, our birthplace dear,
Our home of liberty,
We'll cheer for thee, we'll strive for thee,
Though young or old be we.
From youth to age we'll love the land
Which to our fathers gave
The fruit of earnest, manly toil,
Of effort strong and brave.

We love our land, We love our flag Beyond all others seen; God prosper our Dominion fair, Our country and our queen.

), land our fathers chose of yore What do we owe to thee? Urr homes, our hearths from thraldom clear, Each man both bold and free.

We love our land,
We love our flag
Beyond all others seen;
God prosper our Dominion fair,
Our country and our queen.

The words have been set to bright, sparkling music, and at the closing rds, "Our country and our queen," the whole platform seemed to become if by magic, an agitated mass of red, as the children waved aloft miniature nion Jacks. The effect was electrical, the whole audience cheering with the

It is needless to say that the patriotic exhibition had to be repe

The chorus "So Merrily over the Ocean Spray" was conducted by Mr. Shuch, to whom, in connection with Mr. Perrin, is largely due the splendid training which the children have received, the whole, of course, being super-Mr. Torrington

toy Mr. 1 orrington.
he soloists sang in their usual effective styles, although the orchestral
mpaniments to the selections of Frl. Lehmann were not quite up to the

Mr. Babcock's rendering of "Honor and Arms" ("Sam thusiastic encore, and by special request he repeated the song "I'm a Roamer" (Mendelssonn).

Mr. Max Heinrich, who had recovered from his indisposition, gave a very artistic interpretation of Spohr's recitative and aria." Der Hoelle Selbst."

The orchestral overtures were well played, Mr. Archer conducting his own gavotte and Delibes's "Valse e Pizzicati" ("Sylvia").

J. H. DUTHIE.

Cortland Musical Festival.

THE past week has been one of interest to music-lovers of THE past week has been one of interest to music-lovers of this part of the State in being the annual return of the musical festival season. Twelve years ago Mr. Mohan, the leading music-dealer in this section, inaugurated these festivals with a small chorus in a contracted hall of Cortland. From that time they have increased in size and strength and musical culture until last year they filled the new opera house to overflowing at the performance of Haydon's "Creation." This year has seen a return of the same enthusiasm. The new conductor, Mr. C. Mortimer Wiske, of New York, has met with great success, and has shown himself to be a very efficient leader. His varied musical talents fit him admirably for the position. Mrs. Martha Dans. Shengard Reston's celebrated accompanies.

concent leader. His varied musical talents in him admirably for the posi-tion. Mrs. Martha Dana Shepard, Boston's celebrated accompanist, was present this year, with her usual success, at the Decker grand. Mr. Mohan had succeeded in securing the services of Miss Emma Thursby for the concerts, and her appearance was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm. Her voice was in splendid condition and her success was marked. Each appearance was the occasion for repeated encores, until it seemed a tax up good-nature to satisfy the enthusiastic demands of the audiences.

ood-nature to satisfy the enthusiastic demands of the audiences.

Next to Miss Thursby the favorite of the festival was the Lotus Glee Club, f Boston. They sang at the matinees and concerts, and at every appearance errer greeted with such an outburst of deserved applause that the number of heir encores must have been very burdensome to them as well as flattering.

The Wiske Quintet Club, of New York, also appeared in Cortland for the

first time at this festival. These young gentlemen are taking front rank, if one may judge by their performances this week. Some of the selections were quite up to the standard of the Mendelssohn Quintet Club. Their future

access does not seem to be an uncertain predicti
The following are the closing programs:

THUSDAY EVENING.

	PAPT FIRST.
	"Send Out Thy Light"
	Part song, "Night Witchery"Storch
3.	Piano solo, "Concert Polka"
	Shadow song, "Dinorah" Mrs. Shepard
5.	ja. Minuet, b. Gavotte, R. Thallon
	Baritone solo, "Because of Thee"
7.	"Tell Me, Flora"
	PART SECOND.
ı.	" Lead Kindly Light"Sullivan
2.	Violin solo, "Scena de Ballet"
3.	Humorous glee, "Jane Melissa"T. J. Smith Lotus Glee Club.
4-	" Meditation "
5.	"Echo Song"
6.	Miss Emma C. Thursby. Peasant Wedding March Full chorus. Soderman

1	FRIDAY EVENING.
1	PART FIRST.
1	r. "He Maketh Wars to Cease"
1	Flute solo, fantasie, "Lucia de Lammermoor"
3	. Vocal march, "Hunter's Joy"
14	
15	"Song of the Bells," Lakme Delibes
	Wiske's Quintet Club. Serenade, "Open the Lattice"
7	. Skylark Mr. Snow. Barnby Full chorus,
	PART SECOND.
1	Badinage
3	. Baritone] solo, "The Skipper"
3	. Violoncello solo, "Amourette"
4	Scotch glee, "Old King Cole"
5	Selections from Gounod's masterpiece, "Redemption." Miss Thursby.
	Full chorus, piano, organ, string quintet and celestial trumpets. Solo and Chorus - From thy love as a father.
	Choral—For us the Christ is made a victim. Solo and Chorus—Lovely appear. Celestial Chorus—Unfold, ye portals.

Chicago Notes.

CENTRAL MUSIC HALL had a good audience last week Tuesday evening at the concert of the School of Lyric and Dramatic Art. Mr. L. A. Phelps, well known in Chicago as a teacher of the Italian method, is director of this school. The performers who are specially worthy of mention are Mrs. May Rosenberg Cahn, Mrs. E. C. Conrad, Miss Eva May Wyckoff, Miss S. L. Pitkin and Mr. August Liverman

The fifth and last organ recital of Mr. Samuel A. Baldwin took place at the usual hour, 11.30 A. M., on Friday of last week. Mr. Baldwin was assisted by Mr. H. A. Moore and Mr. Friedrich

Hess. An interesting program was interspersed at C. H. Britton's concert in Chicago on the evening of June 17. The pupils especially worthy of mention are Misses Lorie Fuller and Agnes White, Mrs. Rummel Bodden and Mr. Joseph Adams.

Mr. William Broderick passed through Chicago on his way home to Philadelphia. He has been singing at the Omaha Festival, and it is reported he has had a flattering offer from the American Opera Company, but is still under engagement to Emma Abbott

Mr. George Schleiffarth goes East the beginning of August, to be present at the first performance of his musical comedy called Soldiers and Sweethearts," which is to take place at the Bijou Theatre, August 16.

Mr. Emil Liebling intends spending his vacation in the East.

Mr. W. S. B. Matthews will go to Colorado.

Prof. S. B. Pratt is back from Omaha and will teach in Chicago

Mr. Alfred O. Mueller, of the Mueller Conservatory of Music. has gone to Europe on a three-months' trip.

Mr. C. D. Hess, of the Grand Opera House, has gone to New York to look up attractions.

Music in Chicago.

THE American Opera Company closed its two weeks' season in this city last Saturday appeals 7. The American Opera Company closed its two weeks season in this city last Saturday evening. The names of the works, and the number of presentations are as follows: "Lohengria," 2; "Lakmé," 3; "Orpheus," 4; "Merry Wives of Windsor," 1; "Flying Dutchman," 2; "Marriage of Jeanette," 2; "Sylvia," 2. The season was very successful; good houses every night, with several crowded ones. The fashionable element was out in full force. Such stage settings we have not had here hitherto. The chorus and orchestra were of phenomenal excellence. Some hitherto. The chorus and orchestra were of phenomenal excellence. Some weaknesses were evident in several of the principals, but altogether the renditions/were of great excellence. On the second "Lohengrin" night, in particular, the orchestral work, under the baton of Mr. Thomas, was done with a perfection and finish almost miraculous. A high order of merit marked every performance; nor was it merit in spots, as is usually the case in operatic performances. One of the most marked features of the season just ended was the comparatively uniform excellence of the presentations. The fact that so auch has been a omplished in so short a time is simply astonishing, and is

much has been accomplished in so short a time is simply astonishing, and is full of promise for the future.

Mr. Samuel A. Baldwin's organ recitals at Central Music Hall continue.

They are very successful from an artistic point of view, but the audiences are far from what the excellence of the concerts merits.

The Costa Club, under the direction of Mr. C. Jay Smith, has given two

The Costa Club, under the direction of Mr. C. Jay Smith, has given two very successful performances of Costa's oratorio of "Eli" in the past two versels. — mong the soloists, Mr. J. L. Johnson, of this city, particularly distinguished himself by his thoroughly artistic work. Miss Meyers would have been equally satisfactory, but for an excessive vibrato, which was very unpleasant. Miss Alice L. Doty, at the organ, accompanied with taste and skill, doing much to enhance the general effect. Mr. Ballaseyus presided at the piano. The club is a new organization, one which promises to become an important addition to our home choral forces. It gave proof of having received the most careful and conscientious training from the director, Mr. ceived the most careful and conscientious training from the director, Mr.

Smith.

Frederic Grant Gleason.

....Some of the English musical monthlies have a department of "Curiosities in Criticism," in which the following has not vet appeared: "As the leader swung the baton from the pedestal at 7:45 o'clock, and the orchestra, under the leadership of Professor Blank, responded to the opening strains, the audience were made at once to realize that they were to listen to a treat. The orchestration in the opening representation showed power and effectiveness. The bass recitative in the beginning by Mr. Blank was well opened. The temper of the chorus was at once realized as the chorus opened, and the excellent effect was shown in th crescendo at the first (phrase quoted), and a grand effort was pro duced. The chorus was a grand and majestic one, well balanced and even, although leaning somewhat to the excellent fault of ra-ther too much soprano effect."

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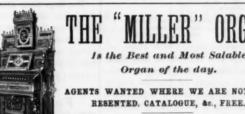
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SEVERAL large shipments of organs took place last week for points West and Northwest, and these shipments were in large quantities, three being carloads. This, taken together with receipts of Eastern organs here, is an indication that our prophecy in regard to a revival in the organ business is about being fulfilled. The activity in the organ line is remarked upon frequently by members of the trade here, and hopes are entertained that it will continue and grow until it reaches its old time extent.

Horace Branch reports an excellent trade in Steck pianos during the past month. Mr. Branch has never done a better trade in these excellent instruments than during recent months, and states that the demand for instruments in walnut and mahogany is especially remarkable.

Lyon & Healy's trade in brass-band instruments and in small musical merchandise reaches such enormous proportions that it causes astonishment among Eastern firms and traveling men who come here. The enterprise and intelligence which this firm has demonstrated in the conduct of this business calls for special comment and admiration. The system in vogue is so thorough and complete that it could be adopted with advantage by many other firms in the same line. Mr. Gregory, the European buyer of the house, has just returned after a three months' visit on the other side of the Atlantic. where he has made large purchases of musical merchandise, and especially harps, violins and other musical instruments.

In fact, Chicago, great as it is as a distributing centre for pianos and organs, is also a centre for the distribution of that line of goods represented, for instance, by Lyon & Healy. And, moreover, let it be said that this trade is rapidly growing, as it runs in grooves different altogether from those in which the piano and organ trade runs and is not influenced by the same conditions that rule the latter trade, which has not been as brisk as that in musical merchandise in general. Let us instance one item, viz., brass-band instruments. There are constantly brass bands in course of formation in the towns of the West. There are thousands upon thousands of small towns and villages, each one in course of time sure to have its brass band. The demand for these instruments is, therefore, a constant and healthy one

Among Eastern men here last week were Mr. Holmstrom, of James & Holmstrom, and Mr. Orrin A. Kimball, of the Emerson Piano Company. Mr. Cone, of the W. W. Kimball Company, has gone East on a two months' vacation, and Mr. Conway, of the same company, left for the East on a two weeks' business trip. Mr. Cone will probably "summer" somewhere near Boston.

T. Floyd Jones, the representative of Haines Brothers, in this city, has gone East. R. S. Howard was in town also; so was Julius Meyer, of Omaha. Mr. Healy, of Lyon & Healy, has gone to New York to attend the annual meeting of the Sheet Music Board of Trade, which is to have taken place in New York, Tuesday, June 22.

The friends of Col. Levi K. Fuller, of the Estey & Camp Company, in this city, were delighted to hear of his nomination by the Republican State Convention of Vermont as Lieutenant-Governor. Colonel Fuller is a man highly esteemed here by everyone who has the honor and pleasure of his acquaintance, and in his new and exalted sphere there will be no trade to wish him more success than the Chicago music trade.

Rufus W. Blake, of the Sterling Company, is expected back from his extended business trip within a short time. In the meantime Messrs. Mason and Ambuhl have been hard at work getting matters into good shape and also selling instruments. With these two gentlemen as his assistants. Mr. Blake will be able to do an excellent trade

as soon as the season opens.

In conversation with a gentleman in the banking business in this city, we were informed that in the opinion of leading banks and bankers there is no healthier and more prompt trade than the music trade of this city. If there is any paper of any of the houses here on the market it is taken rapidly and at healthy rates. In fact, there is no paper to be found to any extent, and on the street most all other lines are represented in heavier and larger amounts than the piano and organ line.

The large firms give little or no paper, and if they do it is given with an intention and purposes. Nearly all of the smaller houses can get all they want, whenever they may want a loan, at low rates. This condition of things in the money market, which acts like a financial barometer, is the best indication of the sound condition of the Chicago piano and organ trade generally.

Fuller for Lieutenant-Governor.

HE Republican State Convention of Vermont, which met at Montpelier and nominated E. J. Ormsbee for Governor last Wednesday, nominated Col, Levi K. Fuller, of Brattleboro, for Lieutenant-Governor.

There were two candidates, the one being Franklin Fairbanks,

of St. Johnsbury, and the other Colonel Fuller.

The former was presented by H. C. Bates, of St. Johnsbury, and seconded by Josiah Grout, of Newport; ex-Governor Redfield, Proctor at Rutland; Roswell Farnham, of Bradford; A. E. Stanley, of Leicester; P. K. Gleed, of Morrisville, and L. O. Green, of Woodstock. Col. George W. Hooker presented the name of Levi K. Fuller, which was received with great enthusiasm, and this was seconded by F. E. Woodbridge, of Vergennes L. G. Hinckley, of Chelsea; S. M. Pingree, of Hartland; A. F. Walker, of Rutland; C. N. Parker, of Royalton; J. V. Carney, of Bennington; W. H. Parker, of Cambridge; G. A. Ballard, of Fairfax, and O. B. Boyce, of Barre. On a ballot Fuller had 425, Fairbanks 145, and the former was declared nominated, it being made unanimous.

At Col. Fuller's Home.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., June 16, 1886.—Col. L. K. Fuller's nomination to-day for Lieutenant-Governor was a great surprise to his fellow-townsmen here, but it is favorably receive!. He was met at the depot to-night, on the arrival of the special train, by a delegation, and headed by the First Regiment Band and the battery of which Colonel Fuller is captain the procession paraded the streets while a salute was being fired. of which Colonel Fuller is captain streets while a salute was being fired.

This nomination is equal to an election, as Vermont is a Republican State, and whatever differences existed prior to the meeting of the convention were amicably adjusted, and in consequence the best of feeling was subsequently manifested, as will he noticed in the unanimous nomination of Colonel Fuller.

The organ and piano trade feels itself highly honored in the distinction thrust upon one of its very foremost representative men, and we are convinced that we are expressing a unanimous opinion when we say that there is not another man in our line of industry to-day who is worthier of the high honor which the Vermont Republicans have bestowed upon Colonel Fuller. Three cheers for the Colonel! Three cheers for the Governor!

Has She No Redress?

N our issue of April 21, 1886, we printed an item on the subject of an Emerson piano which was sold in Min-neapolis by the Century Piano and Organ Company, the number of said piano having been changed from its original number to the strange figure 750,000. The Century Piano and Organ Company do not represent the Emerson piano in Minneapolis, and the piano in question could not have been received by the Century Company in the regular channel of business.

However, the Century Piano and Organ Company sold said

However, the Century Piano and Organ Company sold said piano to a Mrs. Maggie Gow, as per following agreement:

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 28, 1884.

To value received, I, the subscriber, residing in Minneapolis, County of Hinnepin and State of Minnesota, promise to pay to the order of the Century Piano and Organ Company \$300 at their office, 320 Nicollet-ave., as follows: \$150 this day and \$100 on the 22d day of each succeeding month until paid in full, with interest, &c.

The consideration of the above and foregoing promissory note is the agreement to sell and deliver to the signer, hereof one piano made by Emerson

The consideration of the above and foregoing promissory note is the agreement to sell and deliver to the signer hereof one piano made by Emerson Piano Company, No. 750,000, style 7, by said Century Piano and Organ

ollows the usual verbiage found in agreements of that kind.)

Signed, Mrs. Maggir Gow. [SEAL.]

Signed, Witnessed by M. A. PAULSO The purchaser, Mrs. Maggie Gow, continued to pay until she had reduced the indebtedness to \$50, when she determined, for reasons unknown to us, to remove to the East, and notified the Century Piano and Organ Company to that effect. The company induced the lady to leave the Emerson piano, No. 750,000, which she had purchased from them, in their care, and get in its place another piano in the East. They gave her the following

MINNEAPOLIS, May 7,"1885. Mesers, Vose & Sons, Boston, Mass. :

EBYS. VOIC C SONS, BOSTON, MAIN. SEENTS—Upon payment to you of \$150 please deliver to Mrs. Maggie Gow Vose & Sons' piano, style (5) five, upright, in Boston.

Century P. & O. Co.,

per M. A. Paulson, "Sec."

Mrs. Gow knew nothing about the Vose piano, and was under the impression that it was an instrument of as high grade as the Emerson piano. Having paid up \$250 on the Emerson finding that she had virtually paid this sum toward a Vose piano, which she, however, did not then even own, but on which she had to pay \$150 cash in addition to the \$250 already paid, before she could call it her own, she naturally hesitated.

She never understood that the chief object which the Century Piano and Organ Company had in view was to keep the Emerson piano in the West, for they feared that had it come East the parties who changed the number would have been traced by mean an examination of the piano. That they succeeded in this one point should have satisfied the managers of the Century Piano and Organ Company—but no. Not satisfied with retaining the piano these men induce this Mrs. Gow to accept an order on Vose & Sons, which compelled her to pay \$150 cash in addition to the \$250 she already paid, if she wants to own any piano at all and then it must be a Vose piano.

Mrs. Gow, after investigation, decided not to pay \$150 in addition in order to become the owner of a Vose piano, and wrote to the Century Piano and Organ Company that she desired some

To the letter she received the following reply:

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 5, 1886.

Mrz. Maggie Gow, 320 Cumberland-st., Portland, Me.

DER MADAME—Your letter of March 31 was duly received and contents noted. The matter was entirely settled with us when we gave you an order on Vose & Sons, Boston, for a new instrument,

We tried to make it perfectly plain to you then, and cannot see how we can make it any plainer now. Your old instrument we have been able to sell, but at a discount. We can do nothing different from what we have agreed.

Yours truly.

Yours truly, CENTURY PIANO AND ORGAN COMPANY.

In the above letter it will be noticed that the 750,000 Emerson

piano belonging to Mrs. Gow has disappeared.

Whose piano was it? Of the \$300 which Mrs. Gow agreed to pay she had paid \$250. All she had to do was to pay \$50 on it and then it would bave been paid in full. That she was urged to pay instead of \$50 the sum of \$150 more and then get a Vose piano instead of an Emerson does not adjust matters, for Mrs. Gow did not intend to do anything of the kind as soon as she had discovered what kind of a piano the Vose piano was. Consequently Mrs. Gow is the owner of the 750,000 Emerson piano as soon as she pays the \$50 due. Or has she no redress? Has she lost the whole sum of \$250 as a result of her determination to remove to the East? Is this the kind of business which is done by the Century Piano and Organ Company? How much money did the company get for the Emerson No. 750,000 piano after again selling it? Probably \$250. That makes \$500 for the piano and Mrs. Gow gets nothing. We ask again, has she no redress?

-Mr. George Nembach, of the firm of George Steck & Co., leaves for Europe to-day on the steamship Eider, to be gone about Mr. Nembach's trip across the little pond is taken for the sake of recreation, which a gentleman who applies himself so closely to business, as Mr. Nembach does all the year around, certainly requires.

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THE TRADE LOUNGER.

MANY persons are under the impression that the upright piano in the United States is the product of a late day in piano manufacturing. It is true that the present, full iron plate upright, with its multitudinous improvements, is a modern American product, but there was a short period many years ago when a piano manufacturer made a large number of upright pianos and also stopped making them, although against his will.

Timothy Gilbert, one of the first men who made pianos in quantities in Boston, in fact in this country, during the first half of this century, had a brother named Lemuel, who worked with him, but on account of disagreements left him and started in business on his own account in Boston. Some time during 1846 or 1847 a man named Owen came from Montreal to Boston with an English upright and showed it to Lemuel Gilbert, who was an enterprising, sanguine man, located at that time on Beach-st., near Washington, Boston, making square pianos. Lemuel Gilbert took hold of Owen's piano and began experimenting, and soon had a few of these upright pianos ready for display. He made a great splurge with them, and made their introduction the occasion of a kind of banquet in his wareroom, to which he invited the members of the press of Boston and many musical people, among whom was the late Lowell Mason.

. . . .

A. M. McPhail, at present still manufacturing pianos and uprights only, in Boston, was bookkeeper at that time for Lemuel Gilbert and held a \$10,000 mortgage on the business, and there was a Mr. Keith, then a big action maker in Boston and a friend of McPhail's, who also held a mortgage amounting to \$2° 10 on Gilbert's business. Gilbert started in heavily ith these new pianos, and although Jonas Chickering was cautiously turning out only a few uprights at the time, Lemuel Gilbert jumped in and made one hundred and immediately followed this up by making or starting another hundred. McPhail, who had charge of the books and who was watching his and Keith's interests, saw that things were going wrong, put a stop to the whole business, and soon discouraged Gilbert. On toward the middle of the fifties there were but few uprights made. They were 61/2 octaves, flat scale, of course, and not a bit of iron plate in

It may surprise many readers of this to learn that so many pianos were turned out of one factory in Boston forty years ago; however, Lemuel Gilbert, as well as his brother, and, naturally, Jonas Chickering, did a wholesale trade chiefly in what is now known as the South. Down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers these pianos were sent in quantities. In 1856 John C. Fremont ran as first Republican candidate for the Presidency against James H. Buchanan, who was elected. Timothy Gilbert, the brother of Lemuel, was an ardent abolitionist. This soon reached the ears of his Southern customers. A short while after the election of 1856 Lemuel Gilbert went down to Ohio and Kentucky to collect debts, and in answer to inquiries did not deny that he was Timothy's brother and that he partly shared in his views. He consequently received few or no orders, and in one place was nearly mobbed. He died during this trip, and his son went West to bring home his remains. The business was closed up by Keith and McPhail. I understand that after the mortgages were satisfied very little was left for the creditors. Keith is dead; McPhail is making uprights in Boston and Lemuel Gilbert's son, who brought his remains East, has been for years in the office of the Boston Transcript, where he is a trusted employe. A revolution took place in the manufacture of uprights and they are to-day the leading pianos in the United Lemuel Gilbert is thus endorsed, although too late by decades to do him or his descendants any good.

I have always maintained that the piano business can be successfully conducted without any alliances with falsehood and false pretensions, and the fact that so many piano and piano and organ houses did and do succeed without calling into requisition falsehood is sufficient evidence for me that I am correct. I believe, for instance, that the Grovesteen & Fuller Piano Company can get along, at least as well as it has since its organization, by abjuring falsehood and false pretensions instead of allying itself with these unnecessary adjuncts. Surely the company could have done no smaller business than it has done had it stuck to the truth. The new catalogue has been mailed to this office and we may as well take a peep at its contents.

The first thing that strikes us after opening the neat little brochure is "Established 1825." This is false; it is

rank. Then comes "For sixty years these pianos have been used in thousands of families and schools." Not one dealer whose trade is worth catering to does not know that this statement is absurdly false and even ludicrous. On the back page it states: "The Pioneer in Pianoforte Building." This is nonsense and so utterly and lamentably the self-evident product of ignorance that it becomes ridiculous. Next it says: "A record of sixty years." This is a downright falsehood. No such record can be shown.

The parties who revel and delight in these falsehoods can do so to their heart's content, and it is no one's business, except that of THE MUSICAL COURIER, which insists upon exposing operations of such nature whenever they make their appearance in the music trade. However, decency should dictate to the dispensers of the above falsehoods not to utilize honorable names by combining them with their tergiversations and malformations. See what the Grovesteen & Fuller Company's catalogue states: "About the same time the since famous house of Grovesteen & Fuller, in New York, and the late Jonas Chickering, in Boston, began in a modest way to make the then almost unknown instruments." (This refers in the catalogue to 1825.)

Now, as a fact, no such a firm as Grovesteen & Fuller existed in 1865, much less in 1825. Mr. Grovesteen was not in New York in 1825. He did not reside here in 1835. He did not know Fuller in 1845. There was no such firm as Grovesteen & Fuller in 1855, and none publicly known before 1865. In 1875 there was one. That catalogue of the Grovesteen & Fuller Company is consequently worthless.

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This cut represents case 18 of the New England cabinet organ, which is a beauty in finish, and with its rounded fall-board, its polished panels, its massive moldings, elaborate carving and intaglio cutting makes an impressive appearance.



I want to say a few words about these New England organs and their success in the trade. They were originally built so thoroughly that, although comparatively unknown, they gained pronounced victories when in competition with old-established and renowned rivals. In the next place the designs of their case-works were so strictly new and original that they attracted immediate attention and were sought for by the dealers, who were enabled to dispose of them without much trouble, just as is the case to-day whenever there is any business in the land. Next, they possess and always have possessed tone capacity, that is, a powerful volume of tone can be evolved out of a New England organ without any effort on the part of the player. The reeds were not technically free only, but were and are practically free-free in tone. Voicing is attended to by experts with the greatest care and discrimination, and I know from personal experience that New England organs are not shipped from the factory until every detail in their construction has been thoroughly adjusted. These are some of the reasons why New England organs have been successful. The factory is in excellent condition and preparations for a large fall trade are in active pro-

The Guild Piano Company, of Boston, has removed to No. 217 Tremont-st., and arranged handsome offices and neat warerooms. The company will save about \$2,500 per annum by this move, and the new arrangement consequently receives the approval of everyone connected with it who believes in its future.

A German savant, who had long been suffering from

the everlasting piano-playing next door, has devised the following method of putting a stop to it at pleasure: An electric battery was connected with a powerful electro-magnet. Whenever a current of electricity was turned on, its effect could easily be felt through the wall by the horizontal steel strings in the piano, which was instantly put out of tune. Whenever the electric current was stopped, which occurred as often as the victim of the piano plague went out, the mystical influence stopped, and Miss Else, the offending pianist, could play.

Out in Austin, Minn., a new firm has gone into the piano business, and one of the first things I hear about this new firm is that it is selling a piano stenciled "Gable & Bro." There is nothing very remarkable in the discovery of curious piano stenciling, but in this instance the stencil seems to be an intentional play upon the words "Gabler & Bro.," and as Austin is not very far distant by rail from Minneapolis and St. Paul, where Messrs. W. J. Dyer & Brother are selling large quantities of Gabler pianos, indications point to a studied construction of the stencil "Gable & Bro." That, of course, is a downright fraud, created to deceive piano purchasers and it should consequently be exposed.

The Hallet & Davis Grand.

THE grand piano which is to be played by Edmund Neupert at the coming convention of the Music Teachers' National Association that is to take place at the Tremont Temple, Boston, next week, is a Hallet & Davis concert grand which has just been selected by Mr. Neupert, and which we also have had the pleasure to test. Hallet & Davis is to-day one of the important firms in the piano trade in this country, and not only from the productive point of view, but also because the house is engaged in a constant series of efforts and tests that tend toward an advancement in the quality of its productions.

The number of pianos annually put on the market by Hallet & Davis is so extensive that this in itself would exercise a prestige, but where the tendency of a house is toward progress and improvement, and where an important influence is brought to bear upon the musical people by the advancement in the quality of pianos and the attention that they attract in consequence, the result is much more significant. And this is the case with the bouse of Hallet & Davis and the pianos they are making.

At the last year's convention of the Music Teachers' National Association, held in this city, we had occasion to refer to Hallet & Davis' grand piano played at one of the concerts by Emil Liebling. of Chicago. The instrument gave excellent satisfaction, and the result of the experience was a source of gratification not only to the makers of the piano but also to the artist who played upon it in public at that time.

The instrument selected by Mr. Neupert for this year's performance is pronounced by him as completely satisfactory in all respects—in strenght and power of tone, in pliability and response of action and in musical qualities throughout, which will attract the attention of observers. Having also given the same piano a special test in a large room, we can only endorse what Mr. Neupert has said, with this addition, that the instrument is sure to surprise many musical people on account of its extraordinary power.

The Baus Fire.

A RUINOUS fire broke out at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the piano factory of Augustus Baus & Co., 251 East Thirty-third-st.

No one knows how the fire started. Several daily papers

No one knows how the fire started. Several daily papers stated that it was caused by an explosion of benzine, but this is not so, for at the time of the fire not one can of benzine was on the lower floors. The fire was first discovered in the basement, where it is supposed to have started and spread with such astounding rapidity that before the engines had responded the flames had gained a good headway. The factory was in full blast. Every workman dropped his tools and made a rush for the stairway leading to Thirty-third-st., but all were forced back by the smoke and flames, not a single man making his exit through this entrance.

After the attempt had proven fruitless they all ran for the fire-escape in the rear of the building and made good their escape, with the exception of Mr. Baumeister, one of the firm, who broke through the scuttle leading to the roof and was found on an adjacent roof, to which he had jumped. He was almost suffocated by smoke and gasping for breath, and was conveyed to an ambulance and driven to Bellevue Hospital, where he now lies suffering from serious burns.

The entire contents of the factory were destroyed, nothing remaining standing but its walls. All the tools were also destroyed. The factory was owned by Bernard Metzger. It was damaged to the amount of \$10,000 and was insured for \$15,000.

Messrs. Augustus Baus & Co.'s insurance fully covers their loss, and the firm will occupy the new building which is to be erected on the same ground where the old one stood. It will, however, be a much larger factory than the one destroyed by the fire. In the meantime, Augustus Baus & Co. will occupy temporary quarters. In the case factory of the firm on East Thirtieth-st. there are about 175 completed cases, which will give the firm a good start for the fall trade, although they will be able to deliver pianos by August 1.

\$100,000.

Estate of J. P. Hale V. Peloubet.

E. H. McEwen the Only Witness -His Testimony.

Q. It would naturally be in the possession of one of the two parties?

A. Yes, sir. The probabilities are there was an additional copy rendered to Mr. Pelton; if my memory serves me right there were

two copies.

Q. You have a recollection of such an agreement, then, I un

A. Yes sir, I think I was a witness to it.

Q. Was there a written agreement entered into between the vo Peloubets in regard to the formation of the new firm?

A. I have no memory of ever seeing anything of that character,

and yet there may be.

Q. Did you open the accounts of the new firm—their business

A. Yes, sir.
Q. And did you continue to be a bookkeeper for them?
A. Yes, sir.

Yes, Str.

By Gov. Bedle: Judge Arnouu, I would like to get from you, if you please, a note of April 1st, 1880.

By Judge Arnoux: We have not got it, Governor; if you will give me notice of what you want—

BY GOV. BEDLE: Oh, no, it is part of your case; I ant them all. I would like to see that contract of dissowant them all. I would like to see that contract of disso-lution, too. I would like you to produce it, so that if we choose we can examine it.

BY JUDGE ARNOUX: Won't the production of the books all you want without the notes themselves?

By Gov. BEDLE: No, I would like to see the notes

BY THE WITNESS: Could not we take the books so I By THE WITNESS: Could not we take the books so I could get through with this case? After to-day it may be a serious matter to get me, not because my time is so valuable, but I may be away a good deal. I am going to travel all over the country.

By Gov. Bedle: There is a good deal I do not care about having produced; if you do not claim these items of excessive interest a great deal can be saved; but if you do, you see that I want to get them in shape.

By THE WITNESS: Would not the books do? The

By THE WITNESS: Would not the books do? The books are here; would not that answer the Governor's

By Gov. Bedle: You are getting up usury against this claim, and I, of course, want a pretty exhaustive examination of this subject; it is not an ordinary case.

By Judge Arnoux: Can you go any further with this

By Gov. Bedle: I will ask a few questions; I will go on as far as I can.
Q. I don't suppose, Mr. McEwen, that you recollect, with any curacy, the conversations that occurred between you and Mr. lale on any of those occasions that you have spoken of, do you?

Hale on any of those occasions that you have spoken of, do you?

A. The general result, principally.

Q. You are dealing with results, principally, instead of dealing with conversations; this case is as I understand your testimony?

A. Outside of the few facts I have given in my testimony.

Q. Will you take this note of May 2d, 1881, and the check of May 3d, 1881—have you any memory as to whether they were delivered on temporaneously or not?

May 3d, 1881—have you any memory as to whether they were delivered co-temporaneously or not?

A. I could not remember the presentation of those two items to the day, but I could only upon general facts of each month's presentation to Mr. Hale; one would naturally go with the other, and the date of the check would in all probability be the date of the presentation of those two items. There were times when the check would be dated a day ahead or two days ahead, according to the financial condition of the bank account at that time.

That is, of Peloubet & Co.'s bank account? Yes, sir. But the general plan of Mr. Hale's was always settlement of those notes promptly upon the maturity of the

BY GOV. BEDLE: I object to all such parts of the answer of the witness as are not responsive to the original question asked.

Hints from Halifax.

SICHEL & CO. have sold out their piano business to J. E Roy & Co., who will run it under the name of the "Halifax Organ and Piano Company." Roy is agent for the Wanzer sewing-machine and will continue the sewing-machine business at his old stand, and the piano business at Sichel's place

The piano business here is fair, no rush; Nova Scotians don't do thatThey will go on in the even tenor of their way though the United States
and Portland navy is threatening to swoop down on them.

The writer is an American, but don't believe that the American fishermen
have any right to come down here and fish. Their contention is altogether
selfish. When President Cleveland asked Congress to appoint a commission,
according to promise to the Canadian Government, the fishermen of
Maine and Massachusetts howled. They said they did not want the Canadian fishery, that it was no good, &c. What they want is to come down Maine and Massachusetts howled. They said they did not want the Canadian fishery, that it was no good, &c. What they want is to come down here and fish and have the Canadian fish shut out of the American market by a high duty, which will give them the monopoly at the cost of the American consumer. This is the whole matter in a nutshell, urged on by a few political charlatans in the States, their object being to hamper the administration at Washington and gain popularity with a certain class. But will all the American people back this scheme up? To talk about war is non-That kind of talk won't settle the matter; but sensible men can together and do it with justice to all.

-Mr. H. MacSherry, assignee of A. C. Garland, New Brunswick, N. J., states that the business will pay thirty to forty cents on the dollar.

HARDMAN.

Another Advantage Gained.

NDER the auspices of the directors of the Sea Beach Railway, a permanent Industrial Exposition will be opened this week at Coney Island, in the building removed there from the Centennial Grounds, Philadelphia, where it was know as the Horticultural Building.

Hardman, Peck & Co. are to be the only piano exhibitors at this exposition, which will be visited during the season by more million people, in accordance with plans of the directors These million people will see a splendid display of the various kinds of Hardman pianos, made of rich and elaborately decorated woods and in all varieties of styles. Competent pianists will play upon the Hardman pianos and give the visitors an idea how a Hardman piano sounds when properly manipulated, and after listening to the pianos the visitor will be presented with a handsome circular, which will call attention to the Hards features as a musical instrument.

This is the latest move by this enterprising house, which never ceases in its efforts to do justice to its productions.

Colonel Moore's Hospitality.

THE EMPLOYES OF THE EVERETT PIANO COMPANY, OF BOSTON, AT WALPOLE.

BUNKER HILL DAY, which is in the calendar as a holiday, and in commemoration of the battle with the Britishers business is suspended and in its place reign mirth and song and fun and fireworks, not only in Boston and in Charles town, but in all the towns and villages of the commonwealth.

One of those beautiful villages in Massachusetts is Walpole nineteen miles from Boston, where Col. William Moore, of the Everett Piano Company, of Boston, has his hands and where a remarkable celebration of Bunker Hill Day took place last Thursday.

The amiable colonel had invited the workmen employed by the Everett Piano Company to come to Walpole at his expen spend the day as his guests, together with a number of other gentlemen who were also invited by the colonel. A special car on the New York and New England Railroad took over a hundred piano workmen to Walpole, where, on a lawn adjoining his residence, the colonel had a large tent erected, under which long rows of tables were stretched, upon which some of the bounties of nature which appease the appetite of the inner man were lavishly heaped. These bounties soon disappeared, and the best evidence was thus afforded of the fact that the workmen at the Everett piano factory comprise a set of healthy men who can do justice not only to their craft as artisans, but also to their mannood as good livers. The brass band at Walpole in the meantime made its appearance and regaled all with a program which was heartily enjoyed.

Later in the afternoon a number of speeches were made which were appropriate to the occasion. Colonel Moore in an excellent address pointed out the practical effects of hearty co-operation workman and work-giver, between capital and labor. He laid it down as an axiom that when the workingman received his genuine dollar for his work, his work must represent a uine and not a counterfeit dollar; that the prosperity of the very establishment which employs the workman depends upon his loyalty to it and his conscientious performance of the obligations reposed in his care; that the apparent strictness of discipnot aimed so much at the individual workman as it aimed at a proper performance of all the duties involved. The men to understand that with him there was only one aim, and that was the production of an instrument that contained every jota of what was claimed for it, and that in the production of this instrument he depended upon the good faith of

All the sentiments expressed were applauded by the workmen who no doubt fully appreciated the treatment they have by this time been accustomed to receive at the hands of their empl

Mr. John A. Emmons, editor of the Central Norfolk Democrat, followed with a patriotic address, in which he allu and its historic significance, and at the same time he made some well-timed allusions to the many absurdities involved in some of the labor problems of the day. He chiefly insisted upon the individual rights of the workmen and appealed to them not to merge their heritage in any organization in which it would be lost.

Mr. Seely, who is general superintendent of the Everett p factory, and Mr. Burrill, as well as M. A. Blumenberg, the trade editor of THE MUSICAL COURIER, made addresses.

Late in the afternoon the guests returned to Boston, fully im pressed that there is no more hospitable host in New England than Col. William Moore, of Walpole.

But there is greater and deeper significance in this den tion than the mere gathering of employes at the table of the employer in his capacity as host. There is a lesson in all this and oser and more intimate intercourse between employer and employes; less restraint among them in the ordinary pursuits of life; a heartier sympathy between them and occasional interchanges of opinions, all these would prove preventives of social maladies, many of which are at the bottom of the labor troubles of the present day.

Many industrial institutions would be benefited in pursuing

Colonel Moore's course, and the managers of them could use words similar to those used by the colonel when he said:
"There will be no strikes in the Everett Piano Company."

HAMMOND V. CARPENTER.

Litigation Likely to Last as Long as the Wilson-Moen Case.

HE arrest of Mr. E. P. Carpenter, formerly of the Car penter Organ Company, of this city, upon a requisition from Gov or Robinson, and his being put under \$3,000 bail for appearance at the ober term of the superior criminal court, was one of the sensations of ernor Robinson, and his being put under \$3,000 bail for appearance at the October term of the superior criminal court, was one of the sensations of the past week. It is another chapter in the famous Hammond and Carpenter litigation, the history of which dates back a dozen years, to the time when Carpenter came to Worcester from Illinois, and, as he says, was employed by Mr. A. H. Hammond in his factory. The public has become more or less familiar with the story of the litigation, but the facts, drawn from the statements, charges and obligations of both Carpenter and Hammond in the statements, charges and obligations of both Carpenter and Hammond in the statements. ond, are apparently as much distorted as in the famous Moen and Wils

As the case stands now, it appears that Carpenter has a suit for libel against Hammond, on account of a circular issued to the trade by Hammond shortly after the Carpenter Organ Company became insolvent. Hammond's case against Carpenter rests on an indictment charging him with concealing property after going into insolvency in 1884. But there is also another case pending against Carpenter, likewise growing out of the proceedings in insolvency. The indictment in this case charges him with proceedings in insolvency. The indictment in this case charges him with contempt of court by evading examination in insolvency, Carpenter having gone to Brattleboro, Vt., while the examination was pending, and regone to bratheoro, vt., while the examination was pending, and re-mained outside the court's jurisdiction up to the time of the serving of the governor's requisition. A funny incident, or what Carpenier's attorney, F. P. Goulding, Esq., calls an outrage, occurred on Friday while Car-penter was at the court-house procuring bail. Deputy Sheriff Hair, who was given a warrant for Carpenter's arrest on the case of contempt of court, over a year ago, waited until bail was obtained and then pounced apon him for this other criminal charge. The fact that it is an unbailable offense, together with the absence of Judge Adin Thayer, under whos jurisdiction the examination would naturally come, made matters de cidedly unpleasant for Carpenter, and it looked for a while as if he would be compared to the control of the co be obliged to remain in jail pending the procurement of a habeas corpus and other legal proceedings. To say that Goulding was excited when inand other legal proceedings. To say that Goulding was excited when in-formed of the coup de main is putting it mildly. He was indignant, and claimed the whole affair of securing the governor's requisition was "an outrage" and was "simply a put-up job, with

A VIEW TO HOLD CARPENTER on this other indictment." He also claimed that the He also claimed that the insolvency co having no jurisdiction outside the State, had no business to issue the war

rant, as at the time set for Carpenter's examination he was in Brattleboro.

Carpenter's bondsmen are G. W. Ingalls and Deacon Abiel Wilson. Mr.

Ingalls, who is apparently familiar with the twists and turnings of the Carpenter and Hammond litigations, tells a story of the entire training and throws some light upon the matter. He says;

"I went bail for Carpenter purely out of friendship, but have larger than the prejudice whatever against Hammond. I have larger than the larger than

nal feeling or prejudice whatever against Hammond. I have known Car-center ever since he came to Worcester, ten or a dozen years ago. He came then on Hammond's invitation and worked for Hammond, making organ actions for some time; in fact, until such time as the trade objected organ actions for some time; in fact, until such time as the trade objected and refused to buy any of Hammond's goods unless he gave up making these organ actions. Then Hammond turned the action business over to Carpenter, and Carpenter was the ostensible owner and manager of the Carpenter organ actions and also the Carpenter organs. But this was simply a blind, for it has been an open secret all the while that Hammond himself furnished all the capital and really all the material. Carpenter simply seit rurnismed air the capital and really all the material. Carpenter simply furnished his experience and his name, allowing Hammond to reap the lion's share of the profits, amounting, I imagine, to at least \$10,000 a year. The upshot of that and the beginning of all this litigation was Hammond's attempt to form a stock company, so as to get control of the name; but Carpenter wouldn't agree to it, and claimed that the name was the most valuable and of his investment, if we his action to the second of the same was the most valuable and of his investment, if we his act his action of the same was the most valuable and of his investment, if we his act his action of the same was the most valuable and of his investment, when his action of the same was the most valuable and of his investment, when the same was the most valuable and the same was th restment : it was his and he was deter

"All this while the business of the Carpenter Organ Company had been "All this while the business of the Carpenter Organ Company nad been booming, and their organs found a great sale in every market. Failing to start the new stock company, Hammond undertook to bring Carpenter to terms by pressing him for debts contracted with Hammond himself, and ended by placing him in insolvency. He was, of course, about the only creditor, and Carpenter's books, I believe, showed an indebtedness of about \$150,000, over \$100,000 of which was owed to Hammond: I thini the majority of the trade blame Hammond, for they believed he was really carrying the business on for himself, using Carpenter merely as a figure head. Why, Carpenter told me that Hummond had constant access to his head. Why, Carpenter told me that Hammond had constant access to his books and really knew more about them than Carpenter himself; he also claims that Hammond directed all his public and even some of his privat business transactions, and everyone knows it was Hammond's money that

DUSINESS Trainsactions, and everyone among it was frammond a money that started and supported the whole enterprise.

IF THE TRUTH WERE SPOKEN

I believe Hammond is a great deal more anxious to settle this litigation than Carpenter. One reason is that Hammond has several other suits pending, one or more of them against the New York Mechanical Organette Company, in which Carpenter is a witness, and his evidence, on whichever side it is given, will probably have a good deal of influence. Of course, as his case stands now, it isn't likely that he will try to help Hammond out of any of his other law scrapes. I haven't any interest in this matter, understand, either way, but I guess Hammond recognizes that be into the formal in the control of the matter, understand, either way, but I guess Hammond recognizes that be is in a bad fix, and is the most anxious to get out of it. I suppose he says he has lost over \$100,000 in his dealings with Carpenter, but I haven't heard him say how much he made out of the business under Carpenter; and

him say how much he made out of the business under Carpenter; and you'll find it amounts in round numbers to—well, considerable."

An effort was made to get Mr. Hammond's opinions with regard to his relations with Carpenter, but he was out of town. It is understood, however, that he denies ever having employed Carpenter, and claims that Carpenter's business at the Hammond factory was entirely separate, and carried on upon an absolutely independent basis. He admits that he sold a great quantity of goods to Carpenter on credit, but says it was done strictly on a business basis, and that he had no other relations of a private nature or any control whatever over Carpenter's transactions. The indictment upon which a requisition was granted by Governor Robinson is intended to cover the charge that Carpenter at the time he was declared insolvent upon which a requisition was granted by Governor Robinson is intended to cover the charge that Carpenter at the time he was declared insolvent had a note of \$10,000 given him by his father, Mr. E. T. Carpenter, which should be counted in his array, but which should be counted in his assets, but which he concealed, and has refused to give up. Carpenter, on the other hand, while admitting that such a note was given him, claims that it was paid before he went into insolvency.

While it is true that the case is set for the October term of the superior criminal court, there are many people who believe it will either be settled before then or postponed, and that it will never come to trial.—Worcester Daily Telegraph.

—The Chase piano, manufactured by James M. Starr & Co., Richmond, Ind., is now pushed by W. H. Grubbs, Columbus, Ohio; D. S. Johnston & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Carl Hoffman, Leavenworth, Kan.

The Trade.

-C. D. Pease & Co. were 160 orders behind last week.

-W. J. Smith's stock of organs at Springfield, Ill., was attached for store rent.

-O. E. McLaren, piano and organ dealer, of Macomb, Ill., made an assignment a short time ago.

-The agency of Behr Brothers & Co.'s pianos in Philadelphia. has been changed from C. Blasius & Sons to F. A. North & Co.

-Mr. A. H. Tyler, for seven years past with the Smith American Organ Company, is going into the jewelry business in Bos-

-H. L. Schreiner, of Savannah, Ga., leaves for Europe on three months' trip on June 30. He will take the steamer from Bal-

-The piano factory of T. M. Antisell & Co., San Francisco Cal., was destroyed by fire last Thursday. Loss \$10,000, which we understand is partly covered by insurance.

-Story & Clark, of Chicago, have replevined all of their goods they had in the hands of J. S. Evans & Co., of Big Rapids, Mich., in order to get a settlement out of them.

-Mr. E. P. Hawkins, manager of the London branch of the Smith American Organ Company, is in this country on a visit. Mr. Hawkins was in New York last week and is at present in Boston at headquarters.

-Oscar Reynolds, the well-known piano and organ dealer, of Iowa, Mich., who was arrested some time ago by Phil. A. Starck, for Story & Clark, of Chicago, on a charge of forgery, was sentenced to three years in State prison. He is going to make cigars in the future

-R. M. Bent & Co. will occupy their new factory on the corner of Fifty-second-st. and Tenth-ave. about November. R. M. Bent & Co. have a large stock of pianos on hand and are crushed for room on account of the diminutive dimensions of the present factory. It is for this reason that they are building the new factory, which, when completed, will be called Bent's Temple

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-The past week has been prolific with fires in the piano busi-Two factories were destroyed, and on Sunday afternoon a fire broke out in the building where Horace W. Berry's plane warerooms are located, at 594 Washington street, Boston. Berry carried a large stock of pianos and organs. He is the Boston agent of Kranich & Bach, and also sells the Norris & Fletcher pianos and the Prescott organs. Before much damage could be done the instruments were covered by rubber covers and cloths. Loss, \$2.000 : fully covered by insurance.

Impossible.

THE Boston Home Fournal produced the following astounding article in one of its recent numbers:

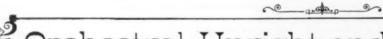
During the last six months a variety of unpleasant rumors have been circulated about a system of sharp practice that was being employed by a well-known pianoforte firm in this city, and with the intent of augmenting thereby the sales of their instruments. As the result of a careful and unbiased investigation made some time ago by a conscientious expert, a verdict was returned to us that an unscrupulous tuner had deliberately tampered with and well-nigh ruined the action of a Knabe grand. The party who owned the instrument was then urged to exchange the same for a grand pianoforte from the house that had employed the unscrupul-The expert referred to is a musician in whose testimony we had every reason to place the highest degree of confidence. Being fully aware of the nature and value of evidence, we did not at the time regard the conduct of an individual pianoforte tuner, howsoever unprincipled, as wholly disastrous in its reaction upon the character of the firm that employed him. argued in behalf of the firm that the tuner might possibly have acted upon his own responsibility. In this single instance the evidence was conclusive in affecting the reputation of the tuner; it was naught but circumstantial in its effect upon his employers. The tuner acting as an agent had deliberately sought the ruin of a perfectly sound pianoforte. He was neither careless nor incomhe was simply malicious. The evidence was perfectly clear as to his having slyly cut the action of the piano in various places; and that he had injured the sounding-board and substituted old strings for the original ones was also made clear. short, it was the tuner who had actually practised certain ways that were dark and tricks that were vain. The firm that employed him in the person of its principal representative attempted to sell the victimized owner of the piano a new instrument. Despite the employe had been somewhat successful in his work of demolition, the employer encountered a somewhat humiliating failure in calendered; not one word of useless verbiage can be found and his attempt to misplace the blame for the unsatisfactory condition

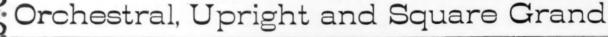
nothing in the shape of prices or testimonials is inserted. The of the planos, and thereby create a pecuniarily advantageous sale in his own behalf.

In a few weeks another complaint that was all same as regards detail was made regarding the firm whose character had previously been called in question. We were again induced to employ the services of an expert, in order to determine for the benefit of the public as to the merit of the various charges that have been made. This time the parties that have been victimized are the owners of pianofortes that have been manufactured by Chickering and by other eminently respectable firms. The niggardly treatment that the house of Knabe and its patrons received has developed to an extent that it would be difficult to outrival. Strange as it may seem, the protests against such ras-cality are not made by the houses of Chickering, Knabe and other manufacturers simply, but by the pianoforte trade in general, and notably by their patrons. To mention the name of the offending firm seems quite superfluous. Their methods of doing business have become adequately well known in this vicinity, and as their names are notorious it is not to be wondered at that their trade is upon its decline. Who they are or what they are is of little cons quence as compared with the numerous interests that are imperilled as one of the results of their nefarious practices. They are in fact engaged in a system of malpractice that, while protected by the law, is fully as disreputable in its effect as though it were a most flagrant offense against the law. The raison dêtre of such malpractice is simply incomprehensible. The only hope of its discontinuance is in the moral certainty that exists that an eventual failure of the firm will result from natural causes. In the meantime, the legitimate branches of tha pianoforte trade in this city have nothing to fear from the characteristic conduct of an isolated firm, whose business, despite their lying pretensions, during the last six months has been significantly upon the wane, Upon the principle that the way of the transgressor is hard, the eventual downfall of the firm in this city would seem to be only a question of time. Fiat justitia, ruat calum.

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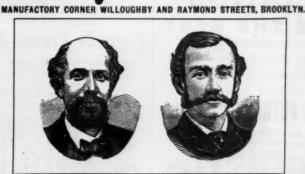
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